

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT  
Committee on Judiciary.

HB23-1205 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, after line 3 insert:
  - 2        "(a) An ombudsman acts as an independent, impartial, neutral, unbiased, informal, and confidential resource for an organization and assists people through voluntary consultation and provides information, guidance, and assistance in determining options to address the person's concerns;
  - 7        (b) An ombudsman must fairly and objectively consider issues and people who may be affected when dealing with assisting people with concerns;
  - 10        (c) An ombudsman promotes equitably administered processes but does not advocate on behalf of anyone;".
- 12 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 13 Page 12, after line 10 insert:
  - 14        "(10) THE OMBUDSMAN HAS SOLE DISCRETION OVER WHETHER OR HOW TO ENGAGE REGARDING INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR SYSTEMATIC CONCERNS AND MAY BRING A CONCERN TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AS THE OMBUDSMAN DEEMS APPROPRIATE.".
- 18 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

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