

# Comment Report

SF 522

A bill for an act relating to older individuals and dependent adults and creating certain criminal offenses and civil actions, and providing penalties. (Formerly SSB 1082.) Effective date: 07/01/2022.

Subcommittee Members: Hite-CH, Bohannon, Kaufmann

Date: 03/25/2021

Time: 04:00 PM

Location: House Lounge 1

**Name:** Bob Welsh

**Comment:** I can not be present in person for your subcommittee meeting BUT I can ask you to recommend passage of this bill as amended and passed by the Senate. I have serve on three task forces addressing this issue. I am aware that over half of the reported cases of elder abuse to DHS are not even investigated because of the narrow Iowa law. I know the persons who have worked on this bill. I have been told that this bill will protect ALL older Iowans, from ALL abusers. for ALL types of abuse, in ALL settings. PLEASE RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF SF 522 and strongly advocacy for its passage by the Judiciary Committee. Thank You!

**Name:** Cassandra Johnson

**Comment:** I am not able to be present to voice my support for the passage of SF 522 as amended and passed by the Senate. This bill ensures that well being of our older Iowans is protected from all types of abuse and abusers. I support the passage of SF 522. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

**Name:** Gregory Wieck

**Comment:** I can not be present in person for your subcommittee meeting BUT I can ask you to recommend passage of this bill as amended and passed by the Senate. I am aware that over half of the reported cases of elder abuse to DHS are not even investigated because of the narrow Iowa law. I know first hand that abuse is not only present, but a standard practice at many elderly and memory Care Facilities here in Iowa. I have been told that this bill will protect ALL older Iowans, from ALL abusers. for ALL types of abuse, in ALL settings. PLEASE RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF SF 522 and strongly advocacy for its passage by the Judiciary Committee. Thank You!

**Name:** Richard Dedor

**Comment:** I urge passage of this bill. If COVID19 has shown us anything, it is the importance of care and support for some of our most vulnerable Iowans. This bill protects them, provides greater peace of mind to their loved ones, and provides strong penalties for those who fail to protect their fellow citizens.