

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on State Affairs

Assembly Bill 190

Relating to: obtaining attorney fees and costs under the state's public records law when an authority voluntarily or unilaterally releases a contested record after an action has been filed in court.

By Representatives Novak, Swearingen, Anderson, Armstrong, Behnke, Franklin, Goeben, Gundrum, Gustafson, Kitchens, Knodl, Murphy, Mursau, Nedweski, O'Connor, Rodriguez, Steffen, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, Wichgers, Wittke and Allen; cosponsored by Senators Wanggaard, Feyen, Kapenga, Nass, Quinn, Roys, Spreitzer, Stafsholt and Tomczyk.

April 15, 2025 Referred to Committee on State Affairs

June 25, 2025 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (8) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Moses, Wittke, Spiros, Sinicki and Roe.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (2) Representatives Piwowarczyk and Kirsch.

Appearances For

- Rep. Todd Novak - 51st Assembly District
- Max Lenz - Wisconsin Newspaper Association

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Luke Berg - Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty
- Brandon Schollz - Wisconsin Broadcasters Association
- Sen Van Wanggaard - Senate District 21
- Beth Bennett - Wisconsin Newspaper Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

July 01, 2025

Executive Session Held

Present: (9) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Moses, Wittke, Piwowarczyk, Sinicki, Kirsch and Roe.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative Spiros.

Moved by Representative Green, seconded by Representative Sinicki that **Assembly Bill 190** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (9) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Moses, Wittke, Piwowarczyk, Sinicki, Kirsch and Roe.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 0

Emmett Smith
Committee Clerk