



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 574**

February Session, 2022

Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 34

*House of Representatives, April 21, 2022*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. STAFSTROM of the 129th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute joint resolution ought to be adopted.

**RESOLUTION VACATING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DENY THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF KIMBERLY R. RICE AND AUTHORIZING THE CLAIMANT TO SUE THE STATE.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That the decision of the Claims Commissioner, file number 24631 of  
2 said commissioner, ordering the denial of the claim against the state in  
3 excess of twenty thousand dollars of Kimberly R. Rice, is vacated and  
4 the claimant is authorized to institute and prosecute to final judgment  
5 an action against the state to recover damages as compensation for  
6 injury to person or damage to property, or both, allegedly suffered by  
7 the claimant as set forth in said claim. Such action shall be brought not  
8 later than one year from the date of the final adoption by the General  
9 Assembly of this resolution.

**JUD** Joint Favorable Subst.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Comptroller - Adjudicated Claims Account	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The resolution allows the claimant, Kimberly R. Rice, to sue the state to recover damages as compensation for personal injury and/or property damage allegedly suffered totaling \$20,000 or more as set forth in said claim. Payout on the claim, were it to occur, would be made from the Comptroller's Adjudicated Claims account. The total cost to the state cannot be determined as the outcome of this future lawsuit is unknown.

**The Out Years**

Based on the timing of when the claim is potentially awarded and since it would be one-time in nature there would be no out year fiscal impact.



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 39 Nay 0 (04/04/2022)