House of Representatives

File No. 943

General Assembly

January Session, 2025 ***(Reprint of File No. 792)***

Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 89
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 21, 2025

RESOLUTION GRANTING CAROLINE SKUDLAREK, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ALFONS SKUDLAREK, PERMISSION TO SUE THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. That the decision of the Claims Commissioner, file number 26461 of said commissioner, ordering the denial of the claim against the state of Caroline Skudlarek, Executrix of the Estate of Alfons Skudlarek, is vacated and the General Assembly, having considered the claim, grants the claimant permission to sue the state only for the two enumerated claims of gross negligence presented to the Claims Commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-159a of the general statutes. The claimant's action shall be brought not later than one year from the date of the final adoption by the General Assembly of this resolution.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 $	FY 27 $
Comptroller - Adjudicated Claims Account	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The resolution as amended allows the claimant Caroline Skudlarek, Executrix of the Estate of Alfons Skudlarek, to sue the state, only for the two enumerated claims of gross negligence presented to the Claims Commissioner, 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 resolution also confirms the Claims Commissioners' denials of seven claims against the state and does not result in a fiscal impact.

House "A" allows the claimant Caroline Skudlarek, Executrix of the Estate of Alfons Skudlarek, to sue the state resulting in the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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OLR Bill Analysis

sHJ 89 (as amended by House "A")

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DENY CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE.

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 39 Nay 0 (04/10/2025)