REGULAR CALENDAR

February 9, 2026

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary to which was referred HB 1130-FN,

AN ACT relative to judicial performance evaluations. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Bob Lynn

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

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Cc: Committee Bill File

MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Judiciary**
Bill Number:	**HB 1130-FN**
Title:	**relative to judicial performance evaluations.**
Date:	**February 9, 2026**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2026-0410h**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 9-7.

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Judiciary

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