

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

HB 1631-FN, relative to the contents of the attorney general's annual report detailing state forfeiture information for the preceding fiscal year.

Hearing Date: March 25, 2026

Time Opened: 9:23 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:28 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, McGough and Gannon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Altschiller and Reardon

Bill Analysis: This bill changes the requirements for the annual report from the attorney general concerning forfeitures of personal property.

Sponsors:

Rep. Popovici-Muller

Rep. Wheeler

Rep. Lynn

Rep. D. McGuire

Rep. McFarlane

Rep. Corcoran

Rep. Slottje

Sen. Murphy

Who supports the bill: Representative Daniel Popovici-Muller, Cory Stone, and Daniel Richardson.

Who opposes the bill: No one.

Who is neutral on the bill: No one.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Popovici-Muller:

- Representative Popovici-Muller explained that this is a bipartisan bill and was broadly supported in the House of Representatives.
- He explained that the bill came from examination of the Attorney General's annual state forfeiture report and the fact that the report could be improved.
- Representative Popovici-Muller stated that privacy concerns were raised the last time similar legislation was proposed, but has been addressed in this new version.
- Representative Popovici-Muller explained that Right to Know requests can be very expensive and time consuming for all involved.

Senator Gannon asked why citizens would interested in this data and what it could be used for.

Representative Popovici-Muller responded that this data would improve accountability regarding civil forfeiture.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 26, 2026