

Good morning Chairperson Pugh,
Thank you for persisting in getting me to focus on the opioid settlement Advisory Committee. \$63 million over ten years to accomplish all that is contemplated in the bill will be a heavy lift!

I do have a couple of questions. Is the Advisory Committee advising the Department of Health? The Legislature? (page 2 of the draft).
How was the number of nine representatives of local government arrived at? (page 3) I understand the bill seeks to balance the committee. It is sometimes difficult to find local officials to serve on these committees. It might be helpful to reduce the number of local officials to seven instead of nine. As well, we would not be comfortable appointing a side judge. I believe the Assistant Judges Association would be the better entity to make that appointment.

It might be helpful to make an eligible use of the Opioid Abatement Special Fund be funding to support Community Justice Centers work to the extent they addresses restorative justice related to opioid abuse.

Thank you for asking.



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