

Testimony to HB0868 – Estates and Trusts - Interpretation of Wills - Evidence of Intent (Granny's Law)

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As I reviewed HB0868, I find that this will be beneficial to the personal representative of a descendant of their will, which would allow for the representative to fulfill their legal obligation of the execution of the will in accordance with the deceased wishes. Although the will may have some subjectiveness to its execution, HB0868 would allow for the representative to execute the will in a manner that is keeping to the deceased wishes based on evidence of prior statements or documentation for which they may have either established a pattern or expressed among other witnesses of their purpose to support those beneficiaries documented in their Will.

I see the purpose of HB0868 to keep intact the deceased intent, as well as allow the representative some leeway to ensure the will's intent is executed in the manner supporting the deceased.

I support HB0868, as it may benefit me as well for when my remaining parent passes on, and I'm left with handling her affairs.

Thank you for reading this testimony.

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