Lanny Kenner District 7

Chairman Roers and members of the State and Local Government Committee,

I am urging YES votes on HB 1583.

God's ninth commandment which says "Thou shall not bear false witness to thy neighbor" (meaning no lying or giving false information) should be what people go by.

Since many people and organizations do not follow the ninth commandment, bills like HB 1583 are needed to protect others from defamation.

In cases such as an individual running for political office gets lambasted with false political ads on TV, radio, newspaper etc there has to be a recourse for that individual.

Many times when this happens it is at the hands of a political action group or super PAC who has plenty of money to fight lawsuits so maybe this bill doesn't have enough teeth because the damage has already been done but to them it was "just part of doing business"!

At least HB 1583 would be a start in the right direction so please vote YES on HB 1583.

Thank you, Lanny Kenner