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**Joint Committee on  
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**To:** Capital Construction Subcommittee  
**From:** Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** February 25, 2020  
**Subject:** SB 1534 – Relating to discretion of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries to pursue matters on behalf of certain complainants

The measure changes the operative date of prior legislation that requires the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries to prepare formal charges and pursue housing discrimination matters on behalf of complainants who elect to have the matter heard in circuit court. Current law gives the Commissioner discretion over which cases to pursue, but that discretion is due to sunset on October 1, 2021. This measure moves the sunset date to January 1, 2021, in effect shortening the period in which that discretion can be exercised by a period of nine months.

It's not known exactly how many additional housing discrimination cases BOLI may be asked to pursue, but budgetary accommodation can be made for additional investigatory staff in HB 5204.

**Final Subcommittee Action**

**MOTION: I move SB 1534 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.  
(VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_