

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56**

1 A resolution to declare opposition to the excessive fees
2 sought by the plaintiffs' attorneys in the Flint water crisis
3 settlement.

4 Whereas, The city of Flint changed their municipal water
5 supply source on April 25, 2014, which caused pipes to corrode and
6 release contaminants into the drinking water. A state of emergency
7 was declared on January 16, 2016, and in October 2016, Flint
8 residents were advised not to drink tap water unless it had been
9 filtered to remove lead; and

10 Whereas, Studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control
11 and Prevention and others to assess the contaminated drinking water
12 revealed increased bacteria levels, elevated lead content, and
13 other health concerns, particularly among those under 18 years of
14 age; and

1 Whereas, A \$641.25 million settlement in the Flint water
2 crisis lawsuit is currently moving forward, with nearly 80 percent
3 of the allotted compensation ultimately awarded going to Flint
4 residents who were under 18 years of age during the crisis as these
5 individuals bear a disproportionate share of health effects from
6 the water supply change; and

7 Whereas, Attorney fees of \$202 million have been requested,
8 which total more than 31 percent of the total settlement amount and
9 would take away more than \$160 million from the settlement fund for
10 the children of Flint; and

11 Whereas, Funds in this record-setting settlement first and
12 foremost should go to Flint children and families who have had
13 their lives changed by the decisions made during this crisis, not
14 to trial attorneys; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we declare our
16 opposition to the excessive fees sought by the plaintiffs'
17 attorneys in the Flint water crisis settlement.