

THIS RESOLUTION IS OFFERED TO COMPLY WITH MCL 4.101, MCL 4.541, AND  
RULE 37 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

Reps. Steven Johnson, Outman, Beeler, Maddock, Brann, Borton,  
Roth, Markkanen, O'Malley, Bellino, Reilly, Huizenga, Carra, Calley,  
Alexander, Kahle, Yaroch, Hall, Allor, Rendon and Meerman offered the  
following resolution:

1           A resolution to grant the House Standing Committee on  
2 Oversight the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and  
3 examine books, records, and files related to employee separations  
4 and severance agreements entered into by the executive branch of  
5 state government.

6           Whereas, Full access to accurate information is essential for  
7 sound decision making by any public or private body; and

8           Whereas, Standing committees of the House of Representatives,  
9 including the House Standing Committee on Oversight, may be granted  
10 the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and examine books,

1 records, and files, pursuant to the Standing Rules of the House of  
2 Representatives and Michigan law; and

3       Whereas, Section 1 of 1952 PA 46, MCL 4.541, provides, in  
4 part:

5       ...any standing or select committee of the senate or the  
6 house of representatives, and any joint select committee  
7 of the senate and house of representatives, shall be  
8 authorized to subpoena and have produced before any such  
9 committee, or inspect the records and files of any state  
10 department, board, institution or agency; and it shall be  
11 the duty of any state department, board, institution or  
12 agency to produce before the committee as required by the  
13 subpoena, or permit the members of any such committee to  
14 inspect its records and files.

15 ; and

16       Whereas, Section 1 of 1931 PA 118, MCL 4.101, provides:  
17 Committees and commissions of or appointed by the  
18 legislature may by resolution of the legislature be  
19 authorized to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses and/or  
20 to examine the books and records of any persons,  
21 partnerships or corporations involved in a matter properly  
22 before any of such committees or commissions. Any witness  
23 who neglects or refuses to obey a subpoena of any of such  
24 committees or commissions, or who refuses to be sworn or  
25 testify, or who fails on demand to produce any papers,  
26 books or documents touching any matter under investigation,  
27 or any witness or attorney who is guilty of any contempt  
28 while in attendance at any hearing before any of such  
29 committees or commissions, may be punished as for contempt

1 of the legislature.

2 ; and

3 Whereas, Pursuant to Rule 37 of the Standing Rules of the  
4 House of Representatives, the authority to issue subpoenas shall be  
5 granted by resolution; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That, pursuant to  
7 Rule 37 of the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives, MCL  
8 4.101, and MCL 4.541, we hereby grant the House Standing Committee  
9 on Oversight the power to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and  
10 examine the books, records, and files of elected officers,  
11 appointees, former appointees, employees, and former employees of  
12 state departments, boards, institutions, agencies, or other bodies  
13 in the executive branch of state government related to employee  
14 separations and severance agreements entered into by the executive  
15 branch of state government.