

Backers blast group home curbs

By TOM LONERGAN

Proposed laws which could restrict the locations of group homes for the mentally retarded were resoundingly opposed by group home backers at an Oakland County public hearing Friday.

The hearing, called by the state House Towns and Counties Committee, drew an estimated 350 persons, many affiliated with the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC). They filled the county board of commissioners' auditorium in Pontiac.

"If you substituted blacks or Jews or people with blue eyes for the retarded, I think you would have been laughed off the legislative floor," said Joyce Keller, executive director of the Jewish Association for Retarded Citizens, of Southfield.

More than three-fourths of the 23 speakers during the hearing's morning session opposed two bills by state Rep. Claude Trim, D-Detroit. The bills would create "locating panels" to plan the number and location of group

homes for children and adults in specific areas.

The bills' co-sponsors include state Reps. James Delebaugh, R-Birmingham; Thomas Brown, D-Westland; William Keith, D-Garden City; and Roy Smith, R-Ypsilanti.

OPPOSITIONERS said the bills would lead to discrimination against the retarded.

"If we are not allowed to select sites in the middle of neighborhoods, where will we be placed?" asked Ma. Keller. "Next to a car wash? Across the street from a MacDonald's?"

Ann Sipher, of the Birmingham Association for Retarded Citizens, said: "The proposed locating panels would have to select the most undesirable site in a community."

"Inherent in their very existence is not selecting a site next to you and me."

TRIM SAID his bills are "an attempt to stop any foster care placement," mentally retarded and mentally ill pa-

tients have been released from state institutions for placement in small supervised group homes. A 1976 state law restricted the group home size to six persons.

A number of suburban homeowner associations have opposed the group homes in Southfield, Troy, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Township, Livonia and other communities.

Trim appeared visibly upset last Friday by the strong opposition from group home proponents. He said his bills were being "mis-characterized."

He said the bills were proposed as an attempt to settle the "animosity" between local governments, homeowner groups and group home supporters. Group home opponents have said the state is forcing the homes in their neighborhoods. The Department of Social Services and Department of Mental Health regulate the homes.

Some groups have opposed the homes by citing local zoning and deed restrictions.

Most of the hearing speakers were

either members of the Association for Retarded Children or parents of the retarded.

MARY LOU Herrold, of Birmingham, who has a 23-year-old retarded son, asked: "How many of us had to ask the permission of a select committee before we were allowed to buy or rent our home?"

Francis L. Hughes of Warren, who also has a retarded son, said: "I'm tired of legislatures wanting to do things for me." He said the bills would be like "putting a wedge between my son and the so-called public."

The eight-member locating panels Trim's bill would create would include a township supervisor, a city council member from each city in an area, three members appointed by the county community mental health board, a member from the county social services board and two members appointed by the largest city council in the designated area.



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