



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. GARY HOWELL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 20, 2021

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Howell.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Absent: Rep. Marino.

Excused: Rep. Marino.

Representative LaFave moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 6, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4332 before the committee:

HB 4332 (Rep. Steven Johnson)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 81116 (MCL 324.81116), as amended by 2017 PA 199.

Representative Sowerby offered the following amendment to HB 4332:

1. Amend page 3, line 9, after "**place**" by inserting "**facing forward**".

Representative Sowerby moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4332. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Markkanen moved to report HB 4332 as amended, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4080 before the committee:

HB 4080 (Rep. LaFave)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 40102, 40103, and 40114 (MCL 324.40102, 324.40103, and 324.40114), section 40102 as amended by 2015 PA 24, section 40103 as amended by 2016 PA 382, and section 40114 as amended by 2018 PA 390, and by adding section 40111d.

Representative Markkanen moved to report out HB 4080 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 5-1-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman.

Nays: Rep. Sowerby.

Pass: Reps. Cambensy, Aiyash.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4080, but did not wish to speak:

George Linquist, representing the UP Whitetails of Marquette Co.

The Chair laid HB 4766, HB 4767, HB 4768, HB 4769, HB 4770 and HB 4771 before the committee:

HB 4766 (Rep. Howell)

A bill to allow local governments and certain authorities to withhold payment under certain conditions to contractors on an asbestos abatement project; to provide for mandatory contract conditions on certain asbestos abatement projects; to provide for certain disclosures; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local officials.

HB 4767 (Rep. Aiyash)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 5519 and 5519a.

HB 4768 (Rep. VanSingel)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 5519b.

HB 4769 (Rep. Sowerby)

A bill to prohibit certain public entities from entering into certain contracts with certain entities that remove or abate asbestos; to require certain entities to disclose certain information when bidding on certain contracts with public entities; and to impose certain duties and responsibilities on certain public entities.

HB 4770 (Rep. Howell)

A bill to prohibit certain public entities from entering into certain contracts with certain entities that remove or abate asbestos; to require certain entities to disclose certain information when bidding on certain contracts with public entities; and to impose certain duties and responsibilities on certain public entities.

HB 4771 (Rep. Sowerby)

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," by amending sections 4, 35, and 36 (MCL 408.1004, 408.1035, and 408.1036), section 4 as amended by 2012 PA 416 and sections 35 and 36 as amended by 1991 PA 105.

Representative Howell testified in support of the bill package.

Representative Aiyash testified in support of HB 4767. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative VanSingel testified in support of HB 4768.

Representative Sowerby testified in support of HB 4769 and HB 4771. Questions and discussion followed.

Travis Boeskool, Mary Ann Dolehanty and Tammy Bell, representing the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, testified in support of HB 4767 and HB 4768. Questions and discussion followed.

Jonathan Byrd, Jeff Smrz, and Chris Chwalek, representing the Michigan Laborers District Council, testified in support of HB 4766, HB 4767, HB 4768, HB 4769, HB 4770 and HB 4771. Questions and discussion followed.

Nick Leonard, representing the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, testified in support of HB 4766, HB 4767, HB 4768, HB 4769, HB 4770 and HB 4771.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4766, HB 4769, HB 4770 and HB 4771, but did not wish to speak:

Travis Boeskool, representing the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4766, HB 4767, HB 4768, HB 4769, HB 4770 and HB 4771, but did not wish to speak:

Ron Khoury, representing Operating Engineers Local #324.

Hallie Fox, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4770 and HB 4771 but did not wish to speak:

Bree Anderson, representing the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

Representative LaFave moved to excuse Representative Marino from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Howell adjourned the meeting at 11:31 AM.

Representative Gary Howell, Chair

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