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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Tourism

Thursday, May 15, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism was called to order by Representative Peter Pettalia, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela. (9/9)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 6, 2014 and February 18, 2014 as printed.

Representative Kosowski moved to adopt the minutes of February 6, 2014 and February 18, 2014 as printed.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 5553 and 5559, and Senate Bills 873, 875, 876, and 877.

HB 5553 (Franz) Recreation; trails; statewide trail network; include Pure Michigan Trails and provide for trail operators and funding.

HB 5559 (Pagel) Recreation; trails; statewide trail network; include Pure Michigan Trails and provide for trail maintenance.

SB 873 (Moolenaar) Recreation; trails; statewide trail network; include Pure Michigan Trails and provide for Pure Michigan Water Trails and Pure Michigan Trail Towns.

SB 875 (Hildenbrand) Recreation; trails; statewide trail network; include Pure Michigan trails and provide definitions.

SB 876 (Hansen) Recreation; trails; statewide trail network; include Pure Michigan Trails and provide for trail maintenance.

SB 877 (Casperson) Recreation; trails; statewide trail network; include Pure Michigan Trails and provide for trails advisory council oversight of water trails.

Representatives Franz and Pagel, the bill sponsors, explained their bills to the committee members, and addressed questions from members following their testimonies.

Jonathan Shiflett, Legislative Director for Senator Moolenaar, explained the Senator's bill, and introduced Nancy Krupiarz, representing the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, who testified in support of the bill package. Following their testimonies, Mr. Shiflett and Ms. Krupiarz answered questions. A copy of Ms. Krupiarz's written testimony is attached.

The Chair offered substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 873.

Representative Kivela moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 873.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

Representative Kivela offered the following amendment to Senate Bill 873 (H-1):

1. Amend page 4, line 27, after "**DIRECTOR**" by striking out the balance of the line through "LAKES," on line 1 of page 5.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The amendment was adopted.

The Chair offered substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 875.

Representative Kosowski moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 875.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair offered substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 876.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 876.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair offered substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 877.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 877.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bills. Following his testimony, Mr. Van Dyke and Jim Radabaugh, Section Chief of the State Trails Section in the Parks and Recreation Division of the Michigan Natural Resources, responded to various questions from members.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, stated the department was in support of Senate Bill 873 as amended.

John Lindenmayer, representing the League of Michigan Bicyclists, testified in support of the bill packages, and answered questions.

Brindley Byrd, President of Mid-Michigan Mountain Bike Association, testified in support of the bills. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Jack Minore testified in support of the bills. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill packages, but did not wish to speak:

John LaMacchia, Legislative Associate for State Government Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League;

Bill Manson, Executive Director for the Michigan Snowmobile Association;

Michael J. Maisner, Vice-President for the Michigan Fitness Foundation;

Willis Bennett, Director of the Ingham County Parks, representing the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association;

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Townships Association;

Joel Freeman, Vice-President of Government Affairs at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and

Sarah Mullkoff, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

Representative Goike moved to report House Bill 5553 with the recommendation and that

the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None.

The bill was referred to the House floor.

Representative Kosowski moved to report House Bill 5559 with the recommendation and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None.

The bill was referred to the House floor.

Representative Goike moved to report Senate Bill 873 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full house.

Representative Goike moved to report Senate Bill 873 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full house.

Representative Brunner moved to report Senate Bill 875 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full house.

Representative Brunner moved to report Senate Bill 876 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full house.

Representative Kivela moved to report Senate Bill 877 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Crawford, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full house.

There being no other business before the committee, **Representative Goike moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:54 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Peter Pettalia, Chair
House Standing Committee on Tourism

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee