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THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
COMMERCE AND TRADE

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

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The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade was called to order by **Representative Joseph Graves**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Sheppard** moved to adopt the minutes from the **May 19, 2015**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Graves** laid **HB 4422** before the committee:

HB 4422 (Schor) Economic development; other; business improvement zones to include transit-oriented development and transit-oriented facilities; provide for.

**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Schor**, sponsor of HB 4422, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

**Mike Marzano**, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM), testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

**Dusty Fancher**, representing the Michigan Public Transit Association, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

**Julie Powers**, representing the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

**Brad Garmon**, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of the bill.

*The following individuals submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak:*

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, supports the bill.

Phil Browne, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation, indicated neutrality on the bill.

Nikki Brown, representing the Michigan Municipal League (MML), supports the bill.

Jennifer Kalczuk, representing The Rapid Transit System of Grand Rapids, supports the bill.

Sylvester Payne, representing the Saginaw STARS Transit, supports the bill.

Ed Benning, representing the Flint Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), supports the bill.

Liz Treutel, Policy Associate, representing the Michigan Environment Council, supports the bill.

Sandra Draggoo, CEO/Executive Director, representing the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA), supports the bill.

Clark Harder, Executive Director, representing the Michigan Public Transit Association (MPTA), supports the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

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**Representative Joseph Graves, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade**

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Committee Clerk

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