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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Andrea L. LaFontaine, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, and Plawecki. (8/9)**
Member absent and excused was **Representative Smiley. (1/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 3, 2016 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of May 3, 2016 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 Bill 5403.

HB 5403 (Heise) Water; quality; water quality alliances; provide for.

Representative Heise, the bill sponsor, explained the bill to committee members, and addressed questions. A copy of his handouts are attached to the minutes.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Kevin R. Goodwin, Senior Aquatic Biologist in the Surface Water Assessment Section of the Water Resources Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified on the bill. Questions followed.

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

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council;
Kara Cook, Policy Assistant, for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters; and
Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for Michigan Townships Association.

At 9:41 a.m., the Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair.

At 9:45 a.m., the Chair reconvened.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5043.

HB 5043 (Driskell) Natural resources; inland lakes; installation of stream gauges; exempt from permit requirement.

The committee met on this bill on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

Andy Such, Director of Regulatory and Environmental Policy for Michigan Manufacturers Association, submitted a testimony card stating the association is neutral pending the Michigan Manufacturers Environmental Committee review, and did not wish to speak.

Representative Kivela offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5043. 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 LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, and Plawecki, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair offered the following amendments to House Bill 5043 (H-2):

1. Amend page 5, line 18, after “**GUAGES**” by inserting “**OR OTHER EQUIPMENT**”.
2. Amend page 5, line 21, after “**GUAGE**” by inserting “**OR OTHER EQUIPMENT**”.
3. Amend page 5, line 25, after “**LENGTH**” by inserting “**ABOVE THE STREAM BOTTOM**”.
4. Amend page 5, line 26, after “**GUAGE**” by inserting “**OR OTHER EQUIPMENT**”.
5. Amend page 6, line 2, after “**GUAGE**” by inserting “**OR OTHER EQUIPMENT**”.
6. Amend page 6, line 4, after “**GUAGE**” by inserting “**OR OTHER EQUIPMENT**”.
7. Amend page 6, line 9, after “**GUAGE**” by inserting “**OR OTHER EQUIPMENT**”.

Discussion followed on the amendments.

The Chair withdrew the amendments.

Representative Kivela moved to report House Bill 5043 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 LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, and Plawecki, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

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

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bill as amended, but did not wish to speak:

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, and Kara Cook, Policy Assistant, for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Representative Kivela moved to excuse Representative Smiley from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the members were excused.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Whiteford moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:49 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Andrea M. LaFontaine, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee