



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
REP. JASON M SHEPPARD
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 27, 2020 9:00 AM Room 426, State Capitol Building, Lansing
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The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by Chair Sheppard.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly, Greig, Rabhi.

Absent/Excused: None.

Representative Cole moved to adopt the meeting minutes from January 28, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5550 before the committee:

HB 5550	(Rep. Farrington)	A bill to amend 2012 PA 387, entitled "Regional transit authority act," by amending sections 6 and 10 (MCL 124.546 and 124.550), section 6 as amended by 2014 PA 246, and by adding section 7a.
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Representative Farrington testified in support of HB 5550. Questions and discussion followed.

Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber, Jared Fleischer, representing Quickin Loans, and Renza Hoeksema, representing DTE Energy, all testified in support of HB 5550. Questions and discussion followed.

Steve Liedel, representing the Regional Transit Authority as their attorney, and Representative

Farrington came forward to answer questions from the committee members.

Megan Owens, representing Transportation Riders United, testified in support of HB 5550.

Representative Reilly testified in opposition to HB 5550. Questions and discussion followed.

Cari Neubeck, representing Independence Township, testified in opposition to HB 5550.

Supervisor Kathy Thurman, representing Brandon Township, testified in opposition to HB 5550.

Dianne Scheib-Snider, the Rose Township Supervisor, testified in opposition to HB 5550.

Rachel Loughrin, representing Independence Township, testified in opposition to HB 5550.

Chris Barnett, representing Orion Township, testified in opposition to HB 5550.

Patrick Kittle, representing Independence Township, testified in opposition to HB 5550. Questions and discussion followed.

David Swift, the Commerce Township Supervisor, testified in opposition to HB 5550.

Former Representative Rocky Rachzkowki and Former Senator Mike Kowall, both representing Oakland County Residents, testified in opposition to HB 5550. Questions and discussion followed.

John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified with no position on HB 5550.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5550, but did not wish to speak:

Gabby Bruno, representing the Ford Motor Company.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Kris Kraft, representing Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Dave Coulter, representing Oakland County Executives.

Robert O'Meara, representing ITC Holdings.

Mike McLauchlan, representing Ilitch Holdings.

Kyle Dutuc, representing the United Way of Southeast Michigan.

Alexis Blizman, representing the Ecology Center.

Mayor Mike Duggan, representing the City of Detroit.

Khalil Rahal, representing Wayne County Executive, Warren Evans.

Jason Morgan, representing the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

Christine Estereicher, representing Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.

Megan Petzko-Sweet, representing Beaumont Health.

Paul Hillemonds, representing the Regional Transit Authority.

Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Donna Squalls, the Royal Oak Township Supervisor.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5550, but did not wish to speak:
Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association.
Representative Schroader.

Representative Lilly moved to report out HB 5550 with recommendation. The motion prevailed
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FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly, Greig.

Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Rabhi.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Jason Sheppard adjourned the meeting at 10:26 AM.

Representative Jason Sheppard, Chair

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