



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

REP. JASON M SHEPPARD

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

9:00 AM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House 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: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 17, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5861 before the committee:

HB 5861 (Rep. Sheppard)

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan

truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 11i.

Jon Cool, representing the Michigan Railroads Association, testified in support of HB 5861. Questions and discussion followed.

Darin Camilleri, representing House District 51, testified in support of HB 5861. Questions and discussion followed.

Mark Polsdofer, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation, testified in opposition to HB 5861. Questions and discussion followed.

Dave LaMontaine, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan., testified in support of HB 5861.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5861, but did not wish to speak:

Megan Petzko-Sweet, representing Beaumont Health.

Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

John Rickoff, representing Lake State Railway.

Herbert Smith, representing Norfolk Southern.

Rusty Orben, representing CSX.

Larry Llyod, representing CN.

Mac Dashney, representing the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation.

Mark Docherty, representing the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union.

Mike Sauer, representing the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police.

The Chair laid HB 5898 before the committee:

HB 5898 (Rep. Cherry)

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Cherry, joined by Carla Bowers, representing herself, testified in support of HB 5898. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair returned to HB 5861.

Representative Cole moved to report out HB 5861 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 5-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

At 9:58 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:10 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Jason Sheppard adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM.

Representative Jason Sheppard, Chair

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