



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

REP. ANGELA WITWER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 9:00 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Committee on Appropriations was called to order by Chair Witwer.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Morse moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 15, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4238 before the committee:

HB 4238 (Rep. Andrews)

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for certain capital outlay projects for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; to provide for expenditure of the appropriations; and to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations.

Austin Scott, representing the House Fiscal Agency, provided testimony on HB 4238.

Representative Price moved to report out HB 4238 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 26-0-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Cavitt, DeBoer, Schuette.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Kuhn, Steele.

The Chair laid HB 4244 before the committee:

HB 4244 (Rep. Morgan)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Morgan testified in support of HB 4244, as proposed substitute (H-1).

Representative Brabec moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4244. The motion prevailed 25-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Kuhn, Schuette.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Steele.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendments to HB 4244:

1. Amend page 10, line 26, after "exceed" by striking out "\$10,000,000.00" and inserting "\$2,000,000.00".

2. Amend page 11, line 8, by striking out all of subdivision (3).

3. Amend page 11, line 14, by striking out all of subdivision (4).

4. Amend page 12, line 22, by striking out all of section 216 and inserting:

"Sec. 216. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

(a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and civil service classification.

(b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

(2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

- (a) Number of employees that were engaged in remote work in 2023.**
- (b) Number of employees authorized to work remotely and the actual number of those working remotely in the current reporting period.**
- (c) Estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work.**
- (d) Reduced use of office space associated with remote work."**

5. Amend page 13, following line 21, by inserting:

"(b) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the former department employee receiving severance pay." and renumbering remaining subdivisions accordingly.

6. Amend page 14, line 9, by striking out all of section 222 and renumbering remaining sections accordingly.

7. Amend page 14, following line 24, by inserting:

"(a) A list of major work projects, including the status of each project." and renumbering remaining subdivisions accordingly.

8. Amend page 19, following line 17, by inserting:

"Sec. 235. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 are estimated at \$151,215,700.00. From this amount, total department appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at \$104,393,100.00. Total department appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$46,822,600.00.

Sec. 236. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this article, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each chamber, intertransfer funds within this article for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.

Sec. 237. (1) Any department, agency, board, commission, or public officer that receives funding under part 1 shall not do the following:

(a) Require as a condition of accessing any facility or receiving services that an individual provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19 vaccine except as provided by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal Medicare or Medicaid funding.

(b) Produce, develop, issue, or require a COVID-19 vaccine passport.

(c) Develop a database or make any existing database publicly available to access an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status by any person, company, or governmental entity.

(d) Require as a condition of employment that an employee or official provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19 vaccine. This subdivision does not apply to any hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility or any hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility operated by a local subdivision that receives federal Medicare or Medicaid funding.

(2) A department, agency, board, commission, or public officer may not subject any individual to any negative employment consequence, retaliation, or retribution because of that individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.

(3) Subsection (1) does not prohibit any person, department, agency, board, commission, or public officer from transmitting proof of an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status to any person, company, or governmental entity, so long as the individual provides affirmative consent.

(4) If a department, agency, board, commission, subdivision, or official or public officer is required to establish a vaccine policy due to a federal mandate it must provide exemptions to any COVID-19 vaccine policy to the following individuals:

(a) An individual for whom a physician certifies that a COVID-19 vaccine is or may be detrimental to the individual's health or is not appropriate.

(b) An individual who provides a written statement to the effect that the requirements of the COVID-19 vaccine policy cannot be met because of religious convictions or other consistently held objection to immunization.

(5) As used in this section, "public officer" means a person appointed by the governor or another executive department official or an elected or appointed official of this state or a political subdivision of this state."

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4244:

1. Amend page 19, following line 17, by inserting:

"Sec. 236. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each chamber, intertransfer funds within this act for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.
Pass: None.

Representative Lightner offered the following amendment to HB 4244:

1. Amend page 7, following line 8, by inserting:

Office of highway safety planning – slow down move over campaign **500,000**

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Lightner moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4244:

1. Amend page 14, line 9, by striking out all of section 222 and inserting:

"Sec. 222. (1) Funding appropriated in part 1 must not be used to require or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by fund recipients unless such actions are a violation of law; to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities; or to diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to exercise rights as outlined under the state constitution of 1963 and in state statute.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any illegal action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4244:

1. Amend page 4, line 17, after "1.0" by striking out "303,000" and inserting "600,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-0-17:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Representative Wilson moved to report out HB 4244 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 18-0-11:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

The Chair laid HB 4248 before the committee:

HB 4248 (Rep. Morgan)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Morgan testified in support of HB 4248, as proposed substitute (H-1).

Representative Morse moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4248. The motion prevailed 22-1-6:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Slagh, Beson, Borton, DeBoer.

Nays: Rep. Steele.

Pass: Reps. Bollin, Green, Fink, Cavitt, Kuhn, Schuette.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendments to HB 4248:

1. Amend page 11, line 19, by striking out all of section 216 and inserting:

"Sec. 216. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees and to report recipients required in section 205 of this part the following information:

(a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and civil service classification.
(b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

(2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

- (a) Number of employees that were engaged in remote work in 2023.
- (b) Number of employees authorized to work remotely and the actual number of those working remotely in the current reporting period.
- (c) Estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work.
- (d) Reduced use of office space associated with remote work."

2. Amend page 14, following line 4, by inserting:

"Sec. 221. The department shall provide biannual reports which shall provide the following data:

- (a) A list of all major work projects, including a status report of each project.
- (b) The department's financial status, featuring a report of budgeted versus actual expenditures by part 1 line item including a year-end projection of budget requirements.
- (c) The number of active employees at the close of the reporting period by job classification and departmental branch of service."

3. Amend page 12, following line 27, by inserting:

"(c) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the former department employee receiving severance pay."

4. Amend page 16, following line 12, by inserting:

"Sec. 304a. The department shall provide a report biannually on the revenues, expenditures, and fund balance of the Michigan military family relief fund. Expenditures must be itemized by purpose, including, but not limited to, for advertising and assistance grants. This report shall also include information on the number of applications for assistance received, approved, and denied.

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendments to HB 4248:

1. Amend page 9, line 18, after "**exceed**" by striking out "\$12,000,000.00" and inserting "\$8,600,000.00".
2. Amend page 9, line 24, after "**exceed**" by striking out "\$3,000,000.00" and inserting "\$1,100,000.00".
3. Amend page 10, line 1, after "**exceed**" by striking out "\$500,000.00" and inserting "\$250,000.00".

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4248:

1. Amend page 14, following line 4, by inserting:

"Sec. 226. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, inter-transfer funds within this act for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4248:

1. Amend page 13, line 7, by striking out all of section 222 and inserting:

"Sec. 222. (1) Money appropriated in part 1 must not be used to require or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by fund recipients unless such actions are a violation of law; to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities; or to diminish, interfere with, or restrict an

individual's ability to exercise rights as outlined under the State Constitution and state statute.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any illegal action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 4248:

1. Amend page 5, following line 11, by inserting:

Selfridge Air National Guard base 10,000,000

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4244. The motion did not prevail 13-0-16:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Mentzer, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Representative Bollin offered the following amendment to HB 4248:

1. Amend page 14, following line 4, by inserting:

"Sec. 226. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 are estimated at \$15,587,600.00. From this amount, total agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at \$10,256,300.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$5,331,300.00."

Representative Bollin moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4244. . The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative O'Neal moved to report out HB 4248 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 17-2-10:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Kuhn, Steele.

Pass: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Schuette.

The Chair laid HB 4245 before the committee:

HB 4245 (Rep. Wilson)

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Wilson testified in support of HB 4245, as proposed substitute (H-2). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Mentzer moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4245. The motion prevailed 17-3-9:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Green, Kuhn, Steele.

Pass: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Schuette.

At 9:56 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:03 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Morse moved to report out HB 4245 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 17-3-9:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Green, Kuhn, Steele.

Pass: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Schuette.

The Chair laid HB 4249 before the committee:

HB 4249 (Rep. Hood)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Hood testified in support of HB 4249, as proposed substitute (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Martus moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4249. The motion prevailed 21-0-8:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Beson, Cavitt.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Green, Slagh, Borton, Fink, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Representative Hood offered the following amendment to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 42, line 20, after "**equipment**" by inserting "**and the cleaning of existing equipment to remove PFAS**".

Representative Hood moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4249. The motion prevailed 18-4-7:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner.

Nays: Reps. Bollin, Green, Kuhn, Steele.

Pass: Reps. Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Schuette.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 22, line 10, after "**website.**" by inserting

"Sec. 219. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this article, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this article for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.
Pass: None.

Representative Beson offered the following amendments to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 6, line 3, after "**fees**" by striking out "**2,193,800**" and inserting "**1,513,800**".
2. Amend page 6, line 16, after "\$" by striking out "**29,223,500**" and inserting "**29,903,500**".
3. Amend page 15, line 1, after "**replacement**" by striking out "**4,244,600**" and inserting "**3,564,600**".
and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
4. Amend page 32, line 25, after "\$" by striking out "**4,244,600.00**" and inserting "**3,564,600.00**".

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Beson offered the following amendments to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 5, line 11, after "**FTEs**" by striking out "**131.0 20,240,200**" and inserting "**122.0 18,889,700**".
2. Amend page 5, line 12, after "**FTEs**" by striking out "**110.0 17,451,300**" and inserting "**105.0 16,700,900**".
3. Amend page 6, line 19, after "**FTEs**" by striking out "**214.0 \$35,511,100**" and inserting "**202.0 \$33,710,600**".
4. Amend page 12, line 1, after "**FTEs**" by striking out "**107.0 \$16,540,000**" and inserting "**99.0 \$15,331,300**".
5. Amend page 12, line 3, after "**FTEs**" by striking out "**51.0 16,903,900**" and inserting "**46.0 16,148,300**".
6. Amend page 12, line 24, after "**FTEs**" by striking out "**48.0 6,686,900**" and inserting "**45.0 6,236,800**".

7. Amend page 14, line 7, after "FTEs" by striking out "63.0 \$22,469,700" and inserting "61.0 \$22,169,700" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendments to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 15, by striking out line 27

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 42, line 21, by striking out all of Sec. 1012.

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Schuette offered the following amendments to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 15, line 23, after "50,000,000" by inserting "Flood reduction plan 117,000,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 45, following line 24, by inserting:

"Sec. 1019 From the funds appropriated in part 1 for flood reduction plan, the department shall reduce the impact of river flooding in Midland County."

Representative Schuette moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-16-1:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: Rep. Martus.

Representative Beson offered the following amendments to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 15, line 18, after "**funds**" by striking out "**100,000,000**" and inserting "**200,000,000**".
2. Amend page 16, line 10, after "fund" by striking out "**300,000,000**" and inserting "**400,000,000**" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
3. Amend page 36, line 10, after "**communities,**" by inserting "**at least 20% to communities with populations of up to 50,000,**".
4. Amend page 37, line 13, after "\$" by striking out "**100,000,000**" and inserting "**200,000,000**".

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-0-17:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Representative Beson offered the following amendments to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 19, line 26, after "**than**" by striking out "**December 15**" and inserting "**November 30**".
2. Amend page 20, line 6, by striking out all of Sec. 211 and inserting:
"**Sec. 211. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for state restricted contingency authorization. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.**".
3. Amend page 21, following line 18, by inserting:
"**Sec. 215. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 are estimated at \$31,294,100.00. From this amount, total department appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at \$20,590,800.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are**

estimated at \$10,703,300. "

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Beson offered the following amendments to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 15, following line 18, by inserting "**Cooperative lakes monitoring program 150,000**"

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 25, following line 23, by inserting:

"Sec. 230. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by the department to promulgate a rule that will apply to a small business and that will have a disproportionate economic impact on small businesses because of the size of those businesses if the department fails to reduce the disproportionate economic impact of the rule on small businesses as provided under section 40 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.240.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Rule" means that term as defined under section 7 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.207.

(b) "Small business" means that term as defined under section 7a of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.207a."

3. Amend page 28, following line 13, by inserting:

"Sec. 302. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for contaminated site investigations, cleanup, and revitalization, the department shall not expend more than 3% for administrative costs."

4. Amend page 28, following line 13, by inserting:

"Sec. 305. It is the intent of the legislature to repay the refined petroleum fund for the \$70,000,000.00 that was transferred to the environmental protection fund created in section 503a of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.503a, as part of the resolution for the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget."

5. Amend page 28, following line 13, by inserting:

"Sec. 306. The funds appropriated in part 1 for the refined petroleum cleanup program shall be used to fund corrective actions performed by the department pursuant to

section 21320 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.21320."

6. Amend page 30, following line 1, by inserting:

"Sec. 401. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for land and water interface permit programs, not less than \$350,000.00 and not fewer than 2.0 FTE positions are allocated for dam safety programs. These amounts are in addition to any funding and FTEs utilized for this purpose in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023."

7. Amend page 45, following line 24, by inserting:

"Sec. 1019. From funds appropriated in part 1 for the cooperative lakes monitoring program, the department shall provide funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 to support the continuation of the department's contract for the cooperative lakes monitoring program and to ensure the continued operation of this program."

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Beson offered the following amendment to HB 4249:

1. Amend page 22, line 10, after "**website.**" By inserting

"Sec. 219. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of PA 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this article, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this article for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution."

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4249. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative McKinney moved to report HB 4249 as amended, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 17-12-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4280 before the committee:

HB 4280 (Rep. Skaggs)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of licensing and regulatory affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Skaggs testified in support of HB 4280, as proposed substitute (H-2).

Representative Morse moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4280. The motion prevailed 20-1-8:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Slagh.

Nays: Rep. Green.

Pass: Reps. Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Representative McKinney offered the following amendment to HB 4280:

1. Amend page 27, following line 16, by inserting:

"Sec. 303. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the Michigan public service commission shall conduct the following hearings to address questions from the public and receive public comments:

(a) At least 1 public hearing in any city with a population between 195,000 and 700,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

(b) Not including any public hearing required under subdivision (a), at least 1 public hearing within each of the 4 judicial districts described under section 302 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.302. Any hearing conducted within district 4, as that district is described under section 302 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.302, must be conducted outside of Ingham county."

Representative McKinney moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4280. The motion prevailed 20-1-8:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Beson, Schuette.

Nays: Rep. Steele.

Pass: Reps. Bollin, Green, Slagh, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn.

Representative Schuette offered the following amendments to HB 4280:

1. Amend page 15, line 12, after "**exceed**" by striking out "\$10,000,000.00" and inserting "\$1,000,000.00".

2. Amend page 15, line 18, after "**exceed**" by striking out "\$25,000,000.00" and inserting "\$1,500,000.00".

3. Amend page 15, line 24, after "**exceed**" by striking out "\$1,000,000.00" and inserting "\$200,000.00".

4. Amend page 16, line 1, after "**exceed**" by striking out "\$500,000.00" and inserting "\$100,000.00".

5. Amend page 17, line 8, by striking out all of section 216 and inserting:

"Sec. 216. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

(a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and civil service classification.

(b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

(2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

(a) Number of employees that were engaged in remote work in 2023.

(b) Number of employees authorized to work remotely and the actual number of those working remotely in the current reporting period.

(c) Estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work.

(d) Reduced use of office space associated with remote work."

6. Amend page 18, following line 6, by inserting:

"(b) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the former department employee receiving severance pay."

and relettering remaining subdivisions accordingly.

7. Amend page 23, following line 23, by inserting:

"Sec. 231. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 are estimated at \$37,283,800.00. From this amount, total agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at

\$24,531,900.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$12,751,900.00.

Sec. 232. (1) Any department, agency, board, commission, or public officer that receives funding under part 1 shall not:

(a) Require as a condition of accessing any facility or receiving services that an individual provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19 vaccine except as provided by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal Medicare or Medicaid funding.

(b) Produce, develop, issue, or require a COVID-19 vaccine passport.

(c) Develop a database or make any existing database publicly available to access an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status by any person, company, or governmental entity.

(d) Require as a condition of employment that an employee or official provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19 vaccine. This subdivision does not apply to any hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility or any hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility operated by a local subdivision that receives federal Medicare or Medicaid funding.

(2) A department, agency, board, commission, or public officer may not subject any individual to any negative employment consequence, retaliation, or retribution because of that individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.

(3) Subsection (1) does not prohibit any person, department, agency, board, commission, or public officer from transmitting proof of an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status to any person, company, or governmental entity, so long as the individual provides affirmative consent.

(4) If a department, agency, board, commission, subdivision, or official or public officer is required to establish a vaccine policy due to a federal mandate, it must provide exemptions to any COVID-19 vaccine policy to the following individuals:

(a) An individual for whom a physician certifies that a COVID-19 vaccine is or may be detrimental to the individual's health or is not appropriate.

(b) An individual who provides a written statement to the effect that the requirements of the COVID-19 vaccine policy cannot be met because of religious convictions or other consistently held objection to immunization.

(5) As used in this section, "public officer" means a person appointed by the governor or another executive department official or an elected or appointed official of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

Sec. 233. The department shall submit a report to the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office by September 30 detailing any expenditure of funds for a television or radio production that was made to a third-party vendor in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. The report must include the following information for each expenditure:

(a) Total amount of the expenditure.

(b) Fund source for the expenditure.

(c) Name of any vendor that created the production and the amount paid to each vendor.

(d) Purpose of the production."

Representative Schuette moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4280. The motion did not prevail 11-17-1:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: Rep. Cavitt.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4280:

1. Amend page 23, following line 23, by inserting:

"Sec. 231. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each chamber, intertransfer funds within this act for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4280. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4280:

1. Amend page 18, line 23, by striking out all of section 222 and inserting:

"Sec. 222. (1) Funding appropriated in part 1 must not be used to require or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by fund recipients unless such actions are a violation of law; to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities; or to diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to exercise rights as outlined under the state constitution of 1963 and in state statute.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any illegal action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4280. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Lightner offered the following amendment to HB 4280:

1. Amend page 11, following line 11, by inserting:

Indigent juvenile justice implementation

100

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Lightner moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4280. The motion did not prevail 12-0-17:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Representative Lightner offered the following amendment to HB 4280:

1. Amend page 39, following line 9, by inserting:

"Sec. 803. A grant distributed by the Michigan indigent defense commission must not be used by an indigent defense system to support any construction expenses for a new structure. This section does not prohibit expenditures for renovations to existing structures, if such a renovation is part of an indigent defense system's approved compliance plan."

Representative Lightner moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4280. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Brabec moved to report HB 4280 as amended, as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed 17-11-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Steele.

Pass: Rep. Schuette.

The Chair laid HB 4281 before the committee:

HB 4281 (Rep. Skaggs)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of insurance and financial services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Skaggs testified in support of HB 4281, as proposed substitute (H-1).

Representative McKinney moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4281. The motion prevailed 22-1-6:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Slagh, Beson, Borton.

Nays: Rep. Green.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Representative Schuette offered the following amendments to HB 4281:

1. Amend page 8, line 2, after "exceed" by striking out "\$1,000,000.00" and inserting "\$200,000.00".

2. Amend page 8, line 8, after "exceed" by striking out "\$5,000,000.00" and inserting "\$1,000,000.00".

3. Amend page 9, line 15, by striking out all of section 216 and inserting:

"Sec. 216. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

(a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and civil service classification.

(b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

(2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

(a) Number of employees that were engaged in remote work in 2023.

- (b) Number of employees authorized to work remotely and the actual number of those working remotely in the current reporting period.**
- (c) Estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work.**
- (d) Reduced use of office space associated with remote work."**

4. Amend page 10, following line 13, by inserting:

"(b) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the former department employee receiving severance pay." and relettering remaining subdivisions accordingly.

5. Amend page 11, following line 15, by inserting:

"Sec. 225. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 are estimated at \$8,633,300.00. From this amount, total agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at \$5,680,500.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$2,952,800.00.

Sec. 226. (1) Any department, agency, board, commission, or public officer that receives funding under part 1 shall not:

(a) Require as a condition of accessing any facility or receiving services that an individual provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19 vaccine except as provided by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal Medicare or Medicaid funding.

(b) Produce, develop, issue, or require a COVID-19 vaccine passport.

(c) Develop a database or make any existing database publicly available to access an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status by any person, company, or governmental entity.

(d) Require as a condition of employment that an employee or official provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19 vaccine. This subdivision does not apply to any hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility or any hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility operated by a local subdivision that receives federal Medicare or Medicaid funding.

(2) A department, agency, board, commission, or public officer may not subject any individual to any negative employment consequence, retaliation, or retribution because of that individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.

(3) Subsection (1) does not prohibit any person, department, agency, board, commission, or public officer from transmitting proof of an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status to any person, company, or governmental entity, so long as the individual provides affirmative consent.

(4) If a department, agency, board, commission, subdivision, or official or public officer is required to establish a vaccine policy due to a federal mandate, it must provide exemptions to any COVID-19 vaccine policy to the following individuals:

(a) An individual for whom a physician certifies that a COVID-19 vaccine is or may be detrimental to the individual's health or is not appropriate.

(b) An individual who provides a written statement to the effect that the requirements of the COVID-19 vaccine policy cannot be met because of religious convictions or other consistently held objection to immunization.

(5) As used in this section, "public officer" means a person appointed by the governor or another executive department official or an elected or appointed official of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

Sec. 227. The department shall submit a report to the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office by September 30 detailing any expenditure of funds for a television or radio production that was made to a third-party vendor in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. The report must include all of the following information for each expenditure:

- (a) Total amount of the expenditure.**
- (b) Fund source for the expenditure.**
- (c) Name of any vendor that created the production and the amount paid to each vendor.**
- (d) Purpose of the production."**

Representative Schuette moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4281. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4281:

1. Amend page 11, following line 15, by inserting:

"Sec. 225. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each chamber, intertransfer funds within this act for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4281. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4281:

1. Amend page 10, line 28, by striking out all of section 222 and inserting:

"Sec. 222. (1) Funding appropriated in part 1 must not be used to require or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by fund recipients unless such actions are a violation of law; to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities; or to diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to exercise rights as outlined under the state constitution of 1963 and in state statute.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any illegal action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4281. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Martus moved to report out HB 4281 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 17-7-5:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Green, Slagh, Beson, Fink, Cavitt, Kuhn, Steele.

Pass: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Borton, DeBoer, Schuette.

The Chair laid HB 4289 before the committee:

HB 4289 (Rep. Brixie)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Brixie testified in support of HB 4289, as proposed substitute (H-1).

Representative Hood moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4289. The motion prevailed 23-0-6:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

At 10:55 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 11:09 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Borton offered the following amendment to HB 4289:

1. Amend page 6, line 1, after “**districts**” by striking out “**2,000,000**” and inserting “**4,000,000**” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4291. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Borton offered the following amendment to HB 4289:

1. Amend page 9, line 6, after “**management**” by striking out “**100**” and inserting “**5,000,000**” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4289. The motion did not prevail 12-16-1:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: Rep. Mentzer.

Representative Borton offered the following amendment to HB 4289:

1. Amend page 9, line 4 by striking out all of line 4 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4289. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.
Pass: None.

Representative Borton offered the following amendment to HB 4289:

1. Amend page 9, line 7, by striking out all of lines 7 and 8 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4289. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Borton offered the following amendments to HB 4289:

1. Amend page 9, following line 10, by inserting:

"Michigan meat processing grant program. . .15,000,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 33, following line 28, by inserting:

"Sec. 905 (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the Michigan meat processing grant program, the department shall establish and administer a Michigan meat process grant program.

(2) The department shall award grants from Michigan meat processing grant program appropriated funds for construction, expansion, or improvement upgrade of Michigan-based livestock harvest, slaughter, and processing facilities.

(3). Except as otherwise provided in this section, projects selected for grant funding must be for capital construction including physical construction, facility or equipment upgrades, new equipment, wastewater treatment infrastructure, or harvest and slaughter facility expansion. Grant funds may not be used for feasibility studies.

(4). Grant applications must include a business plan that includes project budget, financial ability for cost share, and projected outcomes from expansion, including increased harvest capacity or throughput.

(5). Up to 2% of funds appropriated for the Michigan meat processing grant program may be used for workforce development and training for those employed in the meat processing industry.

(6). Grants awarded under the Michigan meat processing grant program may provide up to 50% of project cost. A grant may not exceed \$750,000.00 for any one project or grantee.

(7) Grant applications must be evaluated by a grant review team appointed by the department. The grant review team must consist of persons that have expertise in animal agriculture, meat processing, agri-business, and economic development. All projects recommended for grant awards must receive final approval from the Michigan commission of agriculture and rural development.

(8). All projects approved for funder under the Michigan meat processing grant program must be established under a grant agreement that outlines project milestones that must be met in order to receive a disbursement of funds. Grant agreements must identify measurable project outcomes."

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4289. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4289:

1. Amend page 16, line 22, by striking out all of all of Sec. 225 and inserting:

"Sec. 225. (1) Money appropriated in part 1 must not be used to require or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by fund recipients unless such actions are a violation of law; to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities; or to diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to exercise rights as outlined under State Constitution and state statute.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any illegal action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4289. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Beson offered the following amendment to HB 4289:

1. Amend page 15, following line 8, by inserting:

“Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this act for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.”.

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4289. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Puri moved to report out HB 4289 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 17-12-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4290 before the committee:

HB 4290 (Rep. Brixie)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Brixie testified in support of HB 4290, as proposed substitute (H-3).

Representative Brixie moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 4290. The motion prevailed 24-1-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Cavitt, DeBoer.

Nays: Rep. Green.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Dr. Misty Jackson, representing herself as a business owner, testified in opposition to HB 4290.

Sean Evans, representing himself as a taxpayer, testified in opposition to HB 4290.

Representative Borton offered the following amendments to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 7 by striking out line 20.
2. Amend page 13 by striking out line 28 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendments to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 13, line 23, after "**100**" by inserting "**Cornwall flooding dam repair 1,500,000**" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 32, following line 4, by inserting: "**Sec. 1211. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Cornwall flooding dam repair, the department shall repair the Cornwall flooding dam in Cheboygan County.**".

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendments to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 13, line 23, after "100" by inserting "**Chronic wasting disease testing 500,000**" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 25, following line 17, by inserting:

"WILDLIFE DIVISION

Sec. 506. The United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, is encouraged to harvest all deer during targeted removal required under the enhanced wildlife biosecurity program."

3. Amend page 32, following line 4, by inserting:

" Sec. 1211. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing, before the 2024 deer hunting season, the department shall make at least 1 CWD check station or drop station available during any deer season in any county that is included in a core CWD area, a CWD management zone, or a core CWD surveillance area."

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-16-1:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Wilson.

Pass: Rep. Snyder.

Representative Borton offered the following amendments to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 13, line 21, after "**initiative**" by striking out "**100**" and inserting "**2,880,000**" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 29, line 27, after "**is**" by striking out "**\$100**" and inserting "**\$2,880,000**".

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-0-17:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Representative Schuette offered the following amendments to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 14, by striking out line 1 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 30, line 19, by striking out all of Sec. 1206.

Representative Schuette moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-16-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Borton offered the following amendments to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 17, line 17, after "**than**" by striking out "**December 15**" and inserting "**November 30**".

2. Amend page 17, line 26, by striking out all of Sec. 211 and inserting:

"Sec. 211. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for state restricted contingency authorization. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393."

3. Amend page 19, following line 9, by inserting:

"Sec. 215. Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 are estimated at \$40,375,000.00. From this amount, total agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at \$26,565,800.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$13,809,200.00."

4. Amend page 23, following line 13, by inserting:

"Sec. 230. If the department activates the incident management team to protect life or property, within 6 hours after the incident management team is activated to a site in this state, the department shall notify the senate and house members whose district includes the site in writing."

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-16-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh offered the following amendment to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 21, line 11, by striking out all of Sec. 225 and inserting:

"Sec. 225. (1) Money appropriated in part 1 must not be used to require or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by fund recipients unless such actions are a violation of law; to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities; or to diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to exercise rights as outlined under State Constitution and state statute.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any illegal action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer."

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-16-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Borton offered the following amendment to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 23, following line 13, by inserting:

"Sec. 231. The department shall not prohibit an individual from feeding birds or wildlife within 300 feet of a residence if feed quantity totals less than 2 gallons."

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-14-2:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Morgan, Price, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: Reps. Mentzer, Skaggs.

Representative Borton offered the following amendment to HB 4290:

1. Amend page 20, line 1, after "**website.**" by inserting

"Sec. 219. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under part 1, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in

each house, intertransfer funds within part 1 for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution."

Representative Borton moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4290. The motion did not prevail 12-16-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Martus moved to report out HB 4290 with recommendation, as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed 16-7-5:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Green, Slagh, Beson, Fink, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Pass: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Borton, Cavitt, DeBoer.

The Chair laid HB 4303 before the committee:

HB 4303 (Rep. Steckloff)

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 201 and 206 (MCL 388.1801 and 388.1806), as amended by 2022 PA 144.

Representative Steckloff testified in support of HB 4303, as proposed substitute (H-1).

Representative Skaggs moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4303. The motion prevailed 24-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, DeBoer, Schuette.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Cavitt, Kuhn, Steele.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendments to HB 4303:

1. Amend page 31, line 12, after "**227a**," by striking out "**228**".
2. Amend page 31, line 16, after "**388.1827a**" by striking out "**and 388.1828**".

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4303. The motion did not prevail 12-16-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendments to HB 4303:

1. Amend page 31, line 12, after "**226b**" by striking out "**226d, 226g**".

2. Amend page 31, line 15, after "**388.1826b**" by striking out "**388.1826d, 388.1826g**".

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4303. The motion did not prevail 12-16-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 4303:

1. Amend page 21, following line 17, by inserting:

" Sec. 217c. (1) A task force must be formed by September 1, 2023 to review, evaluate, discuss, and make recommendations regarding community college operations funding, with a focus on addressing disparities and ensuring that funding levels are equitable across tuition, state support, and local tax revenue. All of the following apply to this task force:

(a) The task force must consist of the following members:

(i) The chairs and minority vice chairs of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education and community colleges.

(ii) The state budget director or designee.

(iii) The director of the Michigan Community Colleges Association.

(iv) Three members from Michigan public community colleges, designated by the Michigan Community College Association, that represent various-sized colleges and geographical distribution.

(b) The task force may engage legislative staff, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the state budget office, the department of treasury, former state officials, and other stakeholders with relevant technical expertise to support its work.

(c) The task force shall review whether the current performance metrics used for the performance funding formula are the most appropriate and reliable performance indicators available and determine the most efficient methodology for connecting state funding to those indicators. The task force shall also review, examine, and suggest methodology concerning equitable and appropriate funding levels to community colleges.

(d) The task force shall publish a report containing its findings and recommendations by January 15, 2024".

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4303. The motion did not prevail 11-15-2:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Wilson.

Pass: Reps. Snyder, Slagh.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendment to HB 4303:

1. Amend page 12, following line 7, by inserting:

"(10) From the appropriations described in subsection (1), the amount appropriated for Alpena Community College for campus housing is \$2,000,000.00, appropriated from the state school aid fund." and adjusting the totals in section 201 and enacting section 1 accordingly."

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4303. The motion did not prevail 11-15-2:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: Reps. Steckloff, Steele.

Representative Weiss moved to report out HB 4303 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 16-1-11:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Rep. Steele.

Pass: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette.

The Chair laid HB 4304 before the committee:

HB 4304 (Rep. Steckloff)

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 236 and 241 (MCL 388.1836 and 388.1841), section 236 as amended by 2022 PA 212 and section 241 as amended by 2022 PA 144.

Representative Steckloff testified in support of HB 4304, as proposed substitute (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Price moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4304. The motion prevailed 25-0-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Cavitt, DeBoer, Schuette.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Kuhn, Steele.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendments to HB 4304:

1. Amend page 27, following line 17, by inserting:

"(5) Public universities that exceed the tuition and fee rate cap described in subsection (2) are not eligible to receive payments under section 236 for operations increase and per-student floor funding for fiscal year 2023-2024.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the legislature may at any time adjust appropriations for a public university that adopts an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students that exceeds the rate cap established in subsection (2)."

2. Amend page 25, following line 5, by inserting:

"(4) Appropriations to public universities in section 236 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 for operations funding must be reduced by 10%, pursuant to the procedures described in subdivision (a) for a public that fails to submit certification described in subsection (2) to the state budget director, the house and senate appropriation subcommittees on higher education, and the house and senate fiscal agencies by October 1, 2023.

(a) If a public university fails to submit certification, the state budget director shall withhold 10% of that public university's annual operations funding until the public university submits certification. If a public university fails to submit certification by the end of the fiscal year, the 10% of its annual operations funding that is withheld must lapse to the general fund."

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4304. The motion did not prevail 12-2-14:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Skaggs.

Pass: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Snyder, Wilson.

Representative Steele offered the following amendment to HB 4304:

1. Amend page 27, following line 17, by inserting:

"(5) Public universities that exceed the tuition and fee rate cap described in subsection (2) are not eligible to receive payments under section 236 for operations increase and per-student floor funding for fiscal year 2023-2024.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the legislature may at any time adjust appropriations for a public university that adopts an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students that exceeds the rate cap established in subsection (2)."

Representative Steele moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4304. The motion did not prevail 12-3-13:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Price.

Pass: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendments to HB 4304:

1. Amend page 65, line 5, after "**246**" by striking out "**265, 265a, 265b, 265f, 266a, 271a, 274, 274c, 274d**".

2. Amend page 65, line 6, after "**275d**" by striking out "**275f, 275g, 275h, 275i, and 281a**".

3. Amend page 65, line 8, after "**388.1846**" by striking out "**388.1865**" through "**388.1874d**".

4. Amend page 65, line 10, after "**388.1875d**" by striking out "**388.1875f**" through "**388.1881a**".

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4304. The motion did not prevail 12-16-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.
Pass: None.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 4304:

1. Amend page 58, following line 5, by inserting:

"Sec. 275k. By September 30, 2024, each public university receiving an appropriations in section 236 shall submit a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director describing all fund the university received from foreign governments, including the amounts, the sources, and the purposes of each foreign contribution received."

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4304. The motion did not prevail 12-17-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Pass: None.

Representative DeBoer offered the following amendment to HB 4304:

1. Amend page 27, following line 17, by inserting:

"Sec. 241d. (1) A task force must be formed by September 1, 2023 to review, evaluate, discuss, and make recommendations regarding public university operations funding, with a focus on addressing disparities and ensuring that funding levels are equitable across tuition and state support. All of the following apply to this task force:

(a) The task force must consist of the following members:

(i) The chairs and minority vice chairs of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education and community colleges.

(ii) The state budget director or designee.

(iii) The director of the Michigan Association of State Universities or designee.

(iv) Three members from Michigan public universities, designated by the Association of State Universities, that represent various-sized universities and geographical distribution.

(b) The task force may engage legislative staff, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the state budget office, the department of treasury, former state officials, and other stakeholders with relevant technical expertise to support its work.

(c) The task force shall review whether the current performance metrics used for the performance funding formula are the most appropriate and reliable performance indicators available and determine the most efficient methodology for connecting state

funding to those indicators. The task force shall also review, examine, and suggest methodology concerning equitable and appropriate funding levels to public universities.

(d) The task force shall publish a report containing its findings and recommendations by January 15, 2024."

Representative DeBoer moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4304. The motion did not prevail
12-14-3:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Price, Wilson.

Pass: Reps. Morgan, Skaggs, Snyder.

Representative DeBoer offered the following amendment to HB 4304:

1. Amend page 27, following line 17, by inserting:

"Sec. 241d. (1) A task force must be formed by September 1, 2023 to review, evaluate, discuss, and make recommendations regarding public university operations funding, with a focus on addressing disparities and ensuring that funding, with a focus on addressing disparities and ensuring that funding levels are equitable across tuition and state support. All of the following apply to this task force:

(a) The task force must consist of the following members:

(i) The chairs and minority vice chairs of the house and senate appropriations subcommittee on higher education and community colleges/

(ii) The state budget director or designee.

(iii) The director of the Michigan Association of State Universities or designee.

(iv) Three members from Michigan public universities, designated by the Association of State Universities, that represent various-sized universities and geographical distribution.

(b) The task force may engage legislative staff, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the state budget office, the department of treasury, former state officials, and other stakeholders with relevant technical expertise to support its work.

Representative DeBoer moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4304. The motion did not prevail
12-16-1:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Nays: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Wilson.

Pass: Rep. Snyder.

Representative Morgan moved to report out HB 4304 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1).

The motion prevailed 17-3-9:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Slagh, Fink, Steele.

Pass: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Beson, Borton, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Witwer adjourned the meeting at 12:04 PM.

Representative Angela Witwer, Chair

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