



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TECHNOLOGY

REP. HELENA SCOTT

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Energy, Communications, and Technology was called to order by Chair Scott.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall, Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative McFall moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 14, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 288 before the committee:

SB 288 (Sen. Singh)

A bill to amend 2012 PA 615, entitled "Michigan energy assistance act," by repealing section 6 (MCL 400.1236), as amended by 2019 PA 87.

Representative Coleman moved to report out SB 288 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 12-1-4:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall, Wendzel, BeGole.

Nays: Rep. Outman.

Pass: Reps. Aragona, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 288, but did not wish to speak:

Sean McBreaty, representing the Clean Water Action.

Nick Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Mary Carmen Munoz, representing the La Sed Inc..  
Rev. Charles Williams, representing the National Action Network.  
Rev. Wendell Anthony, representing the NAACP.  
John Hearn, representing the Western Wayne County Democratic Black Caucus.  
Todd Lipa, representing the Cares in Farmington Hills.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 288, but did not wish to speak:  
Jason Hayes, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

The Chair laid SB 302 and SB 303 before the committee:

SB 302	(Sen. Camilleri)	A bill to amend 2010 PA 270, entitled "Property assessed clean energy act," by amending section 9 (MCL 460.939), as amended by 2017 PA 242.
SB 303	(Sen. McDonald Rivet)	A bill to amend 2010 PA 270, entitled "Property assessed clean energy act," by amending the title and sections 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, and 17 (MCL 460.933, 460.935, 460.937, 460.941, 460.943, 460.945, and 460.947), section 3 as amended by 2017 PA 242.

Representative Andrews moved to report out SB 302 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-7-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall.  
Nays: Reps. Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.  
Pass: None.

Representative Byrnes moved to report out SB 303 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-7-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Coleman, Whitsett, Neeley, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall.  
Nays: Reps. Wendzel, Outman, Aragona, BeGole, Greene, Prestin, Schmaltz.  
Pass: None.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 302 and SB 303, but did not wish to speak:

Nick Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.  
Sean McBreaty, representing the Clean Water Action.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 302 and SB 303, but did not wish to speak:

Jason Hayes, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

The Chair laid HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761 before the committee:

HB 4759 (Rep. Coffia)

A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled "Clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act," by amending the title, the heading to subpart A of part 2, and sections 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 22, 28, 29, 45, 47, and 49 (MCL 460.1001, 460.1003, 460.1007, 460.1009, 460.1011, 460.1022, 460.1028, 460.1029, 460.1045, 460.1047, and 460.1049), the title and sections 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 29, 45, 47, and 49 as amended and sections 22 and 28 as added by 2016 PA 342, and by adding sections 32, 34, 50, 51, 52, and 53.

HB 4760 (Rep. Pohutsky)

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 6, 6a, 6m, 6t, and 11 (MCL 460.6, 460.6a, 460.6m, 460.6t, and 460.11), section 6 as amended by 2005 PA 190 and sections 6a, 6m, and 11 as amended and section 6t as added by 2016 PA 341, and by adding section 6aa.

HB 4761 (Rep. Aiyash)

A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled "Clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act," by amending sections 1, 7, 9, 13, 22, 71, 73, 75, 77, and 78 (MCL 460.1001, 460.1007, 460.1009, 460.1013, 460.1022, 460.1071, 460.1073,

460.1075, 460.1077, and 460.1078), sections 1, 7, 9, 13, 71, 73, 75, and 77 as amended and sections 22 and 78 as added by 2016 PA 342, and by adding sections 80, 80a, and 80b.

Representative Pohutsky, Representative Coffia and Representative Aiyash testified in support of HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761. Questions and discussion followed.

Gary Melow representing the Michigan Biomass testified in opposition to HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761. Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Alaimo representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce testified in opposition to HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761. Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Johnston representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association testified in opposition to HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761.

Justin Carpenter, Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council and Samarth Medakkar, Advanced Energy United testified in support of HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761.

Derrell Slaughter, Michigan Clean Energy; Tim Minotas, Sierra Club; Nick Occhipinti , Michigan League of Conservation Voters; and Charlotte Jameson, Michigan Environmental Council testified in support of HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761.

Andy Coulouris representing the DTE testified with no position on HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4759, but did not wish to speak:

Michigan Forest Products Council.

Brock VanOss, representing the Master Logger Program.

Joe Doyle, representing the Doyle Forest Products.

Dana Adams, representing the Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas.

Justin Knepper, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen.

Wes Windover, representing the Biewer Forest Management.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4760, but did not wish to speak:

Martin Kushler, representing the ACEEE.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761, but did not wish to speak:

Peter Sinclair, representing the Midland resident.

Stephanie Glidden, representing the Evergreen Action.

Sean McBreaty, representing the Clean Water Action.

Dana Adams, representing the Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas.

Jenna Warmuth, representing the Vote Solar.

James Gignac, representing the Union of Concerned Scientists.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4759, HB 4760 and HB 4761, but did not wish to speak:

Wayne Kohley, representing the Michigan Propane Gas Association.

Tim Langholz, representing the NFIB.

Brian Shoaf, representing the Detroit Chamber.

Jacob Manning, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Jason Hayes, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Stephanie Kreuz, representing the Heritage Action.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Scott adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

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Representative Helena Scott, Chair

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