



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. LAURIE POHUTSKY
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:30 AM Room 327, House Office Building

The House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Pohutsky.

The Clerk read a letter from Speaker Tate removing Representative Shannon from the committee.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Pohutsky, Hill, McFall, Paiz, Martin, Prestin, Schriver.

Absent: Rep. Arbit.

Excused: None.

Representative Paiz moved to adopt the meeting minutes from November 9, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5205 before the committee:

HB 5205 (Rep. Dievendorf)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 3103 (MCL 324.3103), as amended by 2005 PA 33.

Representative Dievendorf testified in support of HB 5205. Questions and discussion followed.

Sydney Hart and Phil Argiroff, both representing the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy-Water Resources Division, testified in support of HB 5205. Questions and discussion followed.

Ben Tirrell, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in opposition of HB 5205. Questions and discussion followed.

Tim Langholz, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified in opposition of HB 5205.

Megan Tinsley, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of HB 5205.

John O'Brien, representing the Genesee County Drain Commission, testified in opposition of HB 5205. Questions and discussion followed.

Christy McGillivray, representing the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter, testified in support of HB 5205.

Brian Wendling and Joe Bush, both representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, testified in opposition on HB 5205. Questions and discussion followed.

Carrie La Seur, representing For Love of Water, testified in support of HB 5205.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5205, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Wood, representing the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.

Marie McCormick, representing the Friends of the Rouge.

Brittany Sommerville, representing the Healthy Pine River.

Evan Zimmermann, representing the Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition.

Jennifer Mckay, representing the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

Tom Zimnicki, representing the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

David Lossing, representing the Huron River Watershed Council.

Scott Troia, representing the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center.

Sean McBrearty, representing the Clean Water Action.

Pam Taylor, representing Environmentally Concerned Citizens of South Central Michigan.

Chris Semrinec, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Peggy Case, representing the Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation.

Stephen Colby Brown, representing the Sierra Club- Huron Valley Group.

John Fournier, representing the City of Ann Arbor.

Thomas Progar, representing VegMichigan.

Kim Korona, representing Michiganders for a Just Farming System.

John Reynolds, representing himself.

Cheryl Ruble, representing herself.

Cynthia Waidley, representing herself.

Beatrice Friedlander, representing herself.

Valerie Schey, representing herself.

Charles Carpenter, representing himself.

John Kuschell, representing himself.

Cynthia VanRenterghem, representing herself.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5205, but did not wish to speak:

Dawn Crandall, representing the Michigan Homebuilders.

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Realtors.

Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Pohutsky adjourned the meeting

at 11:52 AM.

Representative Laurie Pohutsky, Chair

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