



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

REP. JASON M SHEPPARD

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:45 AM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Government Operations was called to order by Chair Sheppard.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

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

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Cole moved to adopt the meeting minutes from December 15, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 54 before the committee:

SB 54 (Sen. Schmidt)

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.713) by adding sections 266a and 676.

Senator Schmidt testified in support of his legislation. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 54, but did not wish to speak:

Aaron Mace, representing Lakeshore Museum Center Historic Sites.

Howard Taylor, representing Wellington Farm Park.

Tom Clynes.

Marcus Ringalda, representing the Four Star Theater.

Ruth Mills, representing Quinn Evans Architects.

Nicholas Dupuis, the City Planner of Birmingham.

John Snyder, President of the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission.

Xavier Verna, representing Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts.

Lorri Oikarién, representing Cross Country Sports.

Norman Tyler.

Leanie Bayly, the Executive Director, Northville Historical Society.

Caroline Mitchell.
Dana Walker, the Michigan Downtown Association Director.
Lindsay Dotson, representing Charlevoix Main Street DDA.
Lynn Evans.
Cassandra Talley, Architectural Historian in the city of Detroit.
John Beeson.
Debbie Mikula, representing the Michigan Library Association.
Rita Walsh.
Jessica Flores, representing Preservation Forward.
Jessica AcMoody, representing the Community Development Association of Michigan.
Elaine Robinson, Michigan Historic Preservation Board Member.
Melissa Milton-Pung, representing the Michigan Municipal League.
Dawn Bilobran, representing 313 Historic Preservation.
Denise McGeen.
Devan Anderson, representing Quinn Evans Architects.
Benjamin Bower, representing the United Methodist Clergy.
Kathrine Kolokithas.
Scott Slagor, the Preservation Planner for the city of Ypsilanti.
Claire Nowak-Boyd, representing Preservation Detroit.
Pam O'Connor.
Kim Kelderhouse, representing the Leelanau Historic Society and Museum.
Cassandra Dronet, representing the Calumet Historic District.
Jackie Koney, representing the Paper City Development.
Cathy LaPoint, representing the Underground Railroad Society of Cass County.
Michael Hambacher, representing Archaeological Research and Consulting Services.
Gary Scheuren, representing Scheuren and Associates.
James Alt, representing the Lapeer Main Street DDA.
Patrick Martin.
Cheryl Early.
Stephan Szyszkoski, representing Close Range Surveys and Mapping.
Christopher Green, representing the Village of Calumet Historic District Commission.
Christopher Miller, representing Principal StreetSense Consultants.
Rebecca Savage.
Sharon Ferro, the City of Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Coordinator.
Kristine Kidorf.
Susan Bandes, Professor of Art History at MSU.
John Kern, representing the Praire Ronde Artist Residency.
Caroline Hurteau, representing the Albion Reinvestment Corporation.
Edward Rice.
Nisha Adams.
Amy Elliot Bragg.
Jim Winter-Troutwine.
Cindy Yawkey.
Thomas Gerdom, representing the Gerdom Management Group.
Gene Hopkins, representing the HopkinsBurn Design Studio.
Angela Whitesell, representing the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority.
Don Weir, representing the CommonWealth Heritage Group.
James Van Dyke, representing the Roxbury Group.

Christopher Wright.
Sandy Planisek.
Mike Flynn, representing Byce & Associates.
Jennifer Miller.
Gary Rentrop.
David Kimble.
Belinda McGuire, representing MGMCAD Design Services.
Frank Lucatelli.
Karin Cooper.
Doug LaBrecque.
Jackie Hoist, representing the Genesee County Historical Society.
Fritz Hyde, the President Riverside Park Place Condominium.
Jeff Ratcliffe, representing the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance.
Marissa Fellows.
Elizabeth Podges, representing the Riverbend Neighborhood Association.
Louise Beck.
Ron Cambell.
Jeffrey Gaines.
Leo Early, representing Friends of the Grande Ballroom.
Peter Copeland, representing Turn of the Century Editions.
Jofid Stavig.
Steve Knoebber.
Ellen Ramsburgh.
Pamela O'Connor, representing the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
Joseph Verbeke, representing the ACE Investment Properties.
David Jackson, representing the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.
Jason Blain.
Thomas Trombley.
Leslie Lynch-Wilson, representing the Lincoln Park Preservation Alliance.
Ina Hanel-Gerdenich.
Cheri Szcordronki, representing Firefly Preservation Consulting.
David Brose, representing Imprints from the Past.
Mathew Schulte, representing the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.
Steve Jones.
Ian Tomashik.
Steven Hassevoort, representing In Form Architecture.
Lillian Candela, Architectural Historian.
Janet Kreger.
Mariya Fogarasi, Dearborn Historical Commissioner.
Rosalyn Johnson.
Ilene Schechter.
Martha Campos.
Holly Stephenson, representing the St. Joseph County Historical Society.
Dawn Schumann.
Randy Case, representing Architecture+design.
Christian Hauser.
Ron Spinger.
Mike Kirk.

Nathan Nietering.
Ilene Tyler.
Ted Ligibel.
Christine Bowman.
Melinda Hill.
Robin Adair, representing Adair Restoration.
Frank Fiala.
Sally Bund.
John Arnold.
Rebecca Smith-Hoffman.
John Miller, representing Changing Blue Properties.
Melanie Parker.
Mallory Bower, representing the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.
Jen Rigterink, representing the Michigan Municipal League.
Rusty Merchant, representing the Economic Development Leaders for Michigan.
Patience DeRoo, representing the Van Buren County Historical Museum.
Michael Willoughby, representing the Birmingham Historic District.
Laura Steenwyk.
Kate Shields.
Michael Shields.
Betsy Williams.
Christine and Jeff Crockett.
Dean Anderson.
Laura Ashlee.
Nancy Finegood.
Rodger Parzyck.
Mark Rodman, representing the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.
Drew Sorenson, representing the Wolverine Building Group.
Pete Bruinsma.
Andrew Haan, representing the Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership.
Matthew Treado, representing the U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.
Kelsie King-Duff, representing the Boyne City Main Street DDA.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 54, but did not wish to speak:

Aaron Keel, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Representative Lilly moved to report out SB 54 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 5-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 1149, SB 1150 and SB 1153 before the committee:

SB 1149 (Sen. MacGregor)

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," (MCL 205.51 to 205.78) by adding

section 4gg.

SB 1150 (Sen. Nesbitt)

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," (MCL 205.91 to 205.111) by adding section 4gg.

SB 1153 (Sen. MacGregor)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 9h.

John VanFossen, representing the Meijer, Inc., testified in support of SB 1149, SB 1150 and SB 1153. Questions and discussion followed.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified in opposition to SB 1149, SB 1150 and SB 1153.

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to SB 1149, SB 1150 and SB 1153.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 1149, SB 1150 and SB 1153, but did not wish to speak:

Athena Antonis, representing the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Aaron Keel, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Paul Liabenow, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association.

Bob Kefgan, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Ron Koehler, representing the Middle Cities Education Association.

Mike Latvis, representing the Wayne RESA.

Andy Neumann, representing the MEA.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 1149, SB 1150 and SB 1153, but did not wish to speak:

Alexa Kramer, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Steve Japinga, representing the Lansing Regional Chamber.

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

Matt Patton, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.

Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Cole moved to report out SB 1149 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 3-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly.

Nays: Reps. Greig, Rabhi.

Pass: None.

Representative Lilly moved to report out SB 1150 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 3-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly.

Nays: Reps. Greig, Rabhi.

Pass: None.

Representative Cole moved to report out SB 1153 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 3-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly.

Nays: Reps. Greig, Rabhi.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 1119 before the committee:

SB 1119 (Sen. LaSata)

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2091) by adding section 110.

Senator LaSata testified in support of her legislation. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 1119, but did not wish to speak:

Troy Hagon, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Representative Cole moved to report out SB 1119 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 5-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 1109 and SB 1110 before the committee:

SB 1109 (Sen. Brinks)

A bill to amend 2016 PA 560, entitled "Michigan veterans' facility authority act," (MCL 36.101 to 36.112) by adding section 6b.

SB 1110 (Sen. Barrett)

A bill to amend 2016 PA 560, entitled "Michigan veterans' facility authority act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 (MCL 36.102, 36.103, 36.105, and 36.106), sections 3, 5, and 6 as amended by 2018 PA 630, and by adding sections 6a, 6c, and 12a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Representative Rabhi offered the following amendment to SB 1110:

1. Amend page 8, line 21, after "(2)" by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting "**All employees of the authority are state employees, except for those positions**

that the authority fills using alternative methods of service delivery in accordance with established civil service rules and regulations. The authority is subject to all established civil service rules and regulations pertaining to employment and hiring practices. On the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 6a, employees of a veterans' facility established under former 1885 PA 152 shall continue in their current employment status. Any changes or modifications to these and future employees' compensation, benefits, or employment status must be made in accordance with established civil service rules and regulations."

Representative Rabhi moved to adopt the amendment to SB 1110. The motion prevailed 5-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Fred Schraible, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a card in support of the bills, and answered questions from committee members.

Representative Greig moved to report out SB 1109 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 5-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Cole moved to report Senate Bill No. 1110 as amended, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 5-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Chairman Sheppard gave a statement on the end of the term as committee chair.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Jason Sheppard adjourned the meeting at 9:31 AM.

Representative Jason Sheppard, Chair

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