



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY

REP. CYNTHIA NEELEY

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

12:00 PM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by Chair Neeley.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Grant, Price, VanWoerkom, Markkanen, Outman, Tisdell, Hoadley.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Farhat moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 17, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4317 and HB 4318 before the committee:

HB 4317 (Rep. VanderWall)

A bill to provide for the establishment of solar energy districts in certain local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners or lessees of certain qualified facilities; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officials.

HB 4318 (Rep. Neeley)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 9 and 9f (MCL 211.9 and 211.9f), section 9 as amended by 2011 PA 290 and section 9f as amended by 2017 PA 261.

A substitute (H-1) was adopted for HB 4317 at the May 17th, 2023 meeting.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4317 and HB 4318, but did not wish to speak:

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4317 and HB 4318, but did not wish to speak:

Michelle MacWilliams, representing the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association.

Amanda Stallings, representing National Grid Renewables.

Chris Semrinec, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Representative Grant moved to report out HB 4317 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 11-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Grant, Price, VanWoerkom, Markkanen, Outman, Hoadley.

Nays: Rep. Tisdell.

Pass: None.

Representative Brixie moved to report out HB 4318 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 11-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Grant, Price, VanWoerkom, Markkanen, Outman, Hoadley.

Nays: Rep. Tisdell.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4829 before the committee:

HB 4829 (Rep. Aiyash)

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 437 (MCL 208.1437), as amended by 2021 PA 93.

Representative Aiyash, and Emery Matthews, representing Real Estate Interests LLC, testified in support of HB 4829. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid SB 55 before the committee:

SB 55 (Sen. Chang)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 7u and 53b (MCL 211.7u and 211.53b), section 7u as amended by 2020 PA 253 and section 53b as amended by 2022 PA 141.

Senator Chang testified in support of SB 55. Questions and discussion followed.

Catherine McClary, representing the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, testified in support of SB 55.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 55, but did not wish to

speak:

Peter Morman, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 55, but did not wish to speak:

Tabitha Zimny, representing the Michigan Association of United Ways.

John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

The Chair laid HB 4530, HB 4531 and SB 127 before the committee:

HB 4530 (Rep. Martus)

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 260.

HB 4531 (Rep. Snyder)

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 261.

SB 127 (Sen. Singh)

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 261.

Senator Singh, Representative Martus and Jason Collela, with Representative Snyder's Office, testified in support of HB 4530, HB 4531 and SB 127. Questions and discussion followed.

Nathan Murphy, representing the Council of Michigan Foundations, Randy Ross, representing the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Laurie Baumer, representing the Capital Region Community Foundation, David Mengebier, representing the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, and Brett Hunkins, representing the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, testified in support of HB 4531 and SB 127. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4530, HB 4531 and SB 127, but did not wish to speak:

Amanda West, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4530, HB 4531 and SB 127, but did not wish to speak:

John Gustafson, representing the Michigan Nonprofit Association.

Beth Berglin, representing the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4530, but did not wish to speak:

Anna Almanza, representing the Food Bank Council of Michigan.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4531 and SB 127, but did not wish to speak:

Nancy Boxey, representing the Lapeer County Community Foundation.

Elizabeth Schultheiss, representing the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

Stephanie Calhoun, representing the Allegan County Community Foundation.

Bronna Kahle, representing the Lenawee Community Foundation.
Sara Ward, representing the Charlevoix Community Foundation.
Todd Jacobs, representing the Community Foundation of Muskegon County.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4530, HB 4531, SB 55 and SB 127, but did not wish to speak:

Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

At 12:53 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:54 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The Committee returned to consideration of HB 4829.

Representative Grant moved to report out HB 4829 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-1-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Grant, Price.

Nays: Rep. Outman.

Pass: Reps. VanWoerkom, Markkanen, Tisdell, Hoadley.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.

Representative Cynthia Neeley, Chair

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