



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

REP. JULIE ALEXANDER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

10:30 AM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Agriculture was called to order by Chair Alexander.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Filler, Carra, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Posthumus moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 9, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5742, HB 5743, HB 5744, HB 5745, HB 5746, HB 5747 and HB 5748 before the committee:

HB 5742 (Rep. Cambensy)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 8308a.

HB 5743 (Rep. Steenland)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 8507a.

HB 5744 (Rep. Alexander)

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending section 2125 (MCL 289.2125), as amended by 2015 PA 61, and by adding section

2124.

HB 5745 (Rep. Borton)

A bill to amend 1975 PA 120, entitled "Feed law," by amending section 19 (MCL 287.539), as added by 2015 PA 83.

HB 5746 (Rep. Bezotte)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 189, entitled "The insect pest and plant disease act," (MCL 286.201 to 286.228) by adding section 17a.

HB 5747 (Rep. Posthumus)

A bill to amend 2001 PA 267, entitled "Manufacturing milk law of 2001," (MCL 288.561 to 288.740) by adding section 92.

HB 5748 (Rep. Filler)

A bill to amend 2001 PA 266, entitled "Grade A milk law of 2001," (MCL 288.471 to 288.540) by adding section 36.

Representative Posthumus moved to report out HB 5742 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Filler, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri.

Nays: Rep. Carra.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 5743 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Filler, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri.

Nays: Rep. Carra.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 5744 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Filler, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri.

Nays: Rep. Carra.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 5745 with recommendation. The motion prevailed

10-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Filler, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri.

Nays: Rep. Carra.

Pass: None.

Representative Carra moved to report out HB 5746 with recommendation. The motion prevailed
10-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Filler, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri.

Nays: Rep. Carra.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 5747 with recommendation. The motion prevailed
10-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Filler, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri.

Nays: Rep. Carra.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 5748 with recommendation. The motion prevailed
10-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Alexander, Posthumus, Bellino, Rendon, Filler, Garza, Cambensy, Hope, Witwer, Puri.

Nays: Rep. Carra.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5893 before the committee:

HB 5893 (Rep. Witwer)

A bill to amend 1964 PA 283, entitled "Weights and measures act," by amending sections 2, 9a, 9b, 24, 27, 28c, 28e, 28f, 31, and 31a (MCL 290.602, 290.609a, 290.609b, 290.624, 290.627, 290.628c, 290.628e, 290.628f, 290.631, and 290.631a), sections 2, 9a, and 9b as amended by 2012 PA 253, section 28c as amended by 2016 PA 464, section 28e as amended by 2012 PA 469, section 28f as added by 2017 PA 168, and sections 31 and

31a as amended by 2012 PA 254.

Representative Witwer, joined by Craig VanBuren and Ashley Steffen, both representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, all testified in support of HB 5893. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5893, but did not wish to speak:
Peter Langley, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5893, but did not wish to speak:
Jane McCurry, representing Clean Fuels Michigan.
Glenn Stevens, representing MICHauto.
Laura Sherman, representing the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council.
Charlotte Jameson, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

The Chair laid the presentation from the Michigan Sugar Company before the committee.

John Boothroyd, Manager of Government Relations for the Michigan Sugar Company, provided a presentation on the Michigan Sugar Company. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Representative Julie Alexander, Chair

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