



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. LAURIE POHUTSKY
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2023 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 Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Pohutsky, Hill, Shannon, Arbit, McFall, Paiz, Martin, Prestin, Schriver.
Absent: None.
Excused: None.

Representative Paiz joined the committee remotely.

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

The Chair laid HB 4590 before the committee:

HB 4590 (Rep. Brenda Carter)	A bill to designate the monarch butterfly as the official butterfly of the state of Michigan.
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Representative Hill moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4590. The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Pohutsky, Hill, Shannon, McFall, Martin, Prestin.
Nays: Rep. Schriver.
Pass: None.

Representative Shannon moved to report out HB 4590 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 6-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Pohutsky, Hill, Shannon, McFall, Martin, Prestin.

Nays: Rep. Schriver.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 26 before the committee:

SB 26	(Sen. Chang)	A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 5534.
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Senator Chang testified in support of SB 26. Questions and discussion followed.

Travis Boeskool and Jenine Camilleri, both representing the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, gave testimony in support of SB 26. Questions and discussion followed.

Tim Minotas, representing the Sierra Club Michigan, gave testimony in support of SB 26.

John Boothroyd, representing Michigan Sugar Company, gave testimony in opposition of SB 26. Questions and discussion followed.

Caroline Liethen, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association, gave testimony in opposition to SB 26. Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Alaimo, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, gave testimony in opposition to SB 26. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 26, but did not wish to speak:

Nick Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Mike Spence, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Nichole Keway Biber, representing Clean Water Action.

Megan Tinsley, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to SB 26, but did not wish to speak:

Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business.

Simone Sagovac, representing Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition, and Andrew Bashi, representing the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, gave testimony in support of SB 26.

The Chair laid HB 4832 before the committee:

HB 4832	(Rep. Rogers)	A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 30111d.
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Representative Rogers and Doug McLaughlin, representing the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council, gave testimony in support of HB 4832. Questions and discussion followed.

Peter Ruddell, representing Honigman LLP, testified in opposition to HB 4832. Questions and discussion followed.

Travis Boeskool and Kyle Alexander, both representing the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, gave testimony in support of HB 4832. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4832, but did not wish to speak:

- Bryan Burroughs, representing Michigan Trout Unlimited.
- Nichole Keway Biber, representing Clean Water Action.
- Tim Minotas, representing the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club.
- Amy Trotter, representing Michigan United Conservation Clubs.
- Robert Stuber, representing the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition.
- Megan Tinsley, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4832, but did not wish to speak:

- Dawn Crandall, representing the Home Builders Association of Michigan.
- Caroline Liethen, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association.
- Mike Alaimo, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The Chair laid SB 103, SB 104 and SB 105 before the committee:

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| SB 103 | (Sen. Cherry) | A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 48714a and 48714b. |
| SB 104 | (Sen. Daley) | A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 43528c and 43528d. |
| SB 105 | (Sen. McCann) | A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 40113a (MCL 324.40113a), as amended by 2016 PA 382. |

Senator Cherry, Senator McCann, and Bryce Fisher, representing the Office of Senator Daley, gave testimony in support of SBs 103, 104 and 105.

Amy Trotter, representing Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Mike Thorman, representing the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, and Bryan Burroughs, representing Michigan Trout Unlimited, gave testimony in support of SBs 103, 104 and 105. Questions and discussion followed.

Dennis Stachewicz, a Michigan grouse guide, gave testimony in support of SBs 103, 104 and 105.

Taylor Ridderbusch, Randy Claramunt, and Sarah Cummins, all representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, gave testimony in support of SBs 103, 104 and 105.

Bob Mathews, representing the Congressional Sportmen's Foundation, gave testimony in support of SBs 103, 104 and 105.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 103, SB 104 and SB 105, but did not wish to speak:

Bee Friedlander, representing the Attorney for Animals Inc..
Erik Schnelle, representing the National Deer Association.
Kyle Roran, representing Ducks Unlimited.
Bryan Burroughs, representing Michigan Trout Unlimited.
Joe Hudson, representing the U.P. Bear Houndsmen Association.
Dave Johnson, representing the U.P. Sportsmens Alliance.
Roger Thorman, representing the Michigan Fox Hunters.
Jim Wale, representing the Michigan State United Coon Hunters.
Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Representative Arbit offered the following amendments to SB 103:

1. Amend page 6, line 12, after "**Consideration**" by striking out "**of value**".
2. Amend page 6, line 14, after "**Consideration**" by striking out "**of value**".

Representative Arbit moved to adopt the amendments to SB 103. The motion prevailed 7-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Pohutsky, Hill, Shannon, Arbit, McFall, Martin, Prestin.
Nays: Rep. Schriver.
Pass: None.

Representative Arbit offered the following amendment to SB 103:

1. Amend page 7, line 25, after "section" by striking out "1." and inserting "2."

Representative Arbit moved to adopt the amendment to SB 103. The motion prevailed 7-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Pohutsky, Hill, Shannon, Arbit, McFall, Martin, Prestin.
Nays: Rep. Schriver.
Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Pohutsky adjourned the meeting at 12:59 PM.

Representative Laurie Pohutsky, Chair

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