



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. GARY HOWELL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 25, 2021

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Howell.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Marino, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Marino joined the committee meeting via Zoom.

Representative LaFave moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 18, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation by Sean Hammond and Tom Zimmnicki from the Michigan Environmental Council. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 4123 before the committee:

HB 4123 (Rep. Griffin)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 5301, 5403, and 5405 (MCL 324.5301, 324.5403, and 324.5405), section 5301 as amended by 2012 PA 560 and sections 5403 and 5405 as added by 1997 PA 26.

Representative Griffin and Andrea Cascarilla, from Accuitas, testified in support of HB 4123. Questions and discussion followed.

Travis Boeskool and Paul McDonald, representing the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, testified in support of HB 4123. Questions and discussion followed.

Mandy Sheposh, representing Johnson Controls, testified in support of HB 4123. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4123, but did not wish to speak:

Tom Fraizer, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

Hallie Fox, representing the League of Conservation Voters.

Charlotte Jameson, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

The Chair laid before the Committee a presentation by Nick Occhipinti and Hallie Fox from the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Howell adjourned the meeting at 11:28 AM.

Representative Gary Howell, Chair

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