



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY

REP. MATT HALL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:30 AM Room 519, House Office Building

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

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Hall, Tisdell, Calley, Farrington, Steven Johnson, Meerman, O'Malley, Beeler, Outman, Yancey, Ellison, Brixie, Kuppaa, Neeley, Cavanagh.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

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

The Chair laid SB 720, SB 721 and SB 722 before the committee:

SB 720 (Sen. Runestad)

A bill to amend 1993 PA 327, entitled "Tobacco products tax act," by amending sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 7b, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13 (MCL 205.422, 205.423, 205.424, 205.425, 205.425a, 205.426, 205.426a, 205.426b, 205.426c, 205.426d, 205.427, 205.427b, 205.428, 205.429, 205.431, 205.432, and 205.433), sections 2 and 11 as amended by 2020 PA 326, sections 3, 5, and 6 as amended and section 6b as added by 1997 PA 187, sections 5a and 6a as amended by 2012 PA 188, section 6c as added by 2002 PA 503, section 6d as added by 2003 PA 285, section 7 as amended by 2021 PA 102, section 7b as added by 2002 PA 607, section 8 as amended by 2008 PA 458, section 9 as amended by 2004 PA 474, section 12 as amended by 2018 PA 639, and section 13 as amended by 1995 PA 131, and by adding sections 3a and 6f.

SB 721 (Sen. Runestad) A bill to amend 1987 PA 264, entitled "Health and safety fund act," by amending section 3 (MCL 141.473), as amended by 1998 PA 529.

SB 722 (Sen. Runestad) A bill to amend 1999 PA 244, entitled "An act to require tobacco product manufacturers to place funds in escrow for medical expenses incurred by the state due to tobacco related illnesses; to establish a formula for determining the amount of the escrow; to establish the conditions for release of funds from escrow; to prescribe powers and duties of the attorney general; and to provide for civil penalties for violation of this act," by amending sections 1 and 2 (MCL 445.2051 and 445.2052), as amended by 2016 PA 42.

Representative Beeler moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 720. The motion prevailed 14-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hall, Tisdell, Calley, Farrington, Steven Johnson, Meerman, O'Malley, Beeler, Outman, Yancey, Ellison, Brixie, Kuppa, Cavanagh.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Tisdell moved to report out SB 720 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 10-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hall, Tisdell, Calley, Farrington, Steven Johnson, Meerman, O'Malley, Beeler, Outman, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Ellison, Brixie, Kuppa, Cavanagh.

Representative Tisdell moved to report out SB 721 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hall, Tisdell, Calley, Farrington, Steven Johnson, Meerman, O'Malley, Beeler, Outman, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Ellison, Brixie, Kuppa, Cavanagh.

Representative Tisdell moved to report out SB 722 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-0-5:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hall, Tisdell, Calley, Farrington, Steven Johnson, Meerman, O'Malley, Beeler, Outman, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Ellison, Brixie, Kuppa, Neeley, Cavanagh.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 720, SB 721 and SB 722, but did not wish to speak:

Erika Farley, representing ITG Brands.

Leah Robinson, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to SB 720, SB 721 and SB 722, but did not wish to speak:

Paul Connors, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The Chair laid HB 5683 and HB 5684 before the committee:

HB 5683 (Rep. Hornberger) A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," (MCL 205.51 to 205.78) by adding section 4gg.

HB 5684 (Rep. Brann) A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," (MCL 205.91 to 205.111) by adding section 4gg.

Representative Hornberger, and Representative Brann, testified in support of HB 5683 and HB 5684. Questions and discussion followed.

Joseph Dobosh, representing the Michigan Pet Alliance, testified in support of HB 5683 and HB 5684. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 5683, but did not wish to speak:

Richard Angelo, representing the Best Friends Animal Society.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5683 and HB 5684, but did not wish to speak:

Beatrice Friedlander, representing Attorneys for Animals.

Molly Tamulevich, representing the Humane Society of the United States.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5683 and HB 5684, but did not wish to speak:

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

Matthew Schueller, representing the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators.

Dirk Weeldreyer, representing the School Equity Caucus.

Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

David Randels, representing Oakland Schools.

Peter Spadafore, representing the Middle Cities Education Association.

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

Paul Connors, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.

Representative Matt Hall, Chair

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