



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY  
REP. CYNTHIA NEELEY  
CHAIR

### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024      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 December 4, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5937 before the committee:

HB 5937 (Rep. Neeley)

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 433 (MCL 208.1433), as amended by 2014 PA 282.

At 12:09 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:10 PM, Majority Vice Chair Farhat called the committee back to order.

Chair Neeley testified in support of HB 5937.

Troy Cumings, representing Request Foods, testified in support of HB 5937. Questions and discussion followed.

At 12:12 PM, Majority Vice Chair Farhat laid the committee at ease.

At 12:13 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 5937, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Representative Farhat moved to report out HB 5937 with recommendation. The motion did not prevail 6-0-5:

#### UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. VanWoerkom, Markkanen, Outman, Tisdel, Hoadley.

At 12:17 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:18 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

The Chair laid HB 6160 before the committee:

HB 6160 (Rep. O'Neal)

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 34f.

Representative Whitsett testified in support of HB 6160.

At 12:19 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:22 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The committee returned to consideration of HB 5937.

Representative Farhat made a motion to reconsider the vote by which HB 5937 failed to be reported. The motion prevailed 9-0-2:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Price, VanWoerkom, Tisdel, Hoadley.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Markkanen, Outman.

Representative Farhat moved to report out HB 5937 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-0-4:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Markkanen, Outman, Tisdel, Hoadley.

The Chair laid HB 4330 before the committee:

HB 4330 (Rep. Whitsett)

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, and by adding section 7yy.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4330, but did not wish to speak:  
Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4330, but did not wish to speak:  
Amanda Tomich, representing the Michigan Assessors Association.  
John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League.  
Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association.

Representative Brenda Carter moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4330. The motion prevailed 12-0-0:

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Price moved to report out HB 4330 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-5:

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

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

The Chair laid HB 4691 before the committee:

HB 4691 (Rep. Aiyash)

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 280.

Representative Aiyash testified in support of HB 4691. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4691, but did not wish to speak:  
Jacob Manning, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan.  
Jennifer Righeterink, representing the Michigan Municipal League.  
Adam Majestic, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.

Representative Farhat moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4691. The motion prevailed 8-0-4:

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

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

Representative Price moved to report out HB 4691 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1).

The motion prevailed 7-1-4:

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: Rep. Markkanen.

Pass: Reps. Price, VanWoerkom, Outman, Tisdel.

The Chair laid HB 5637, HB 5638 and HB 5639 before the committee:

HB 5637 (Rep. Churches)

A bill to require the adjustment of reimbursements made to child care providers under the child development and care program for inflation; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

HB 5638 (Rep. Farhat)

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 2, 3, 5n, 10, and 11c (MCL 722.112, 722.113, 722.115n, 722.120, and 722.121c), section 2 as amended by 2022 PA 111, section 3 as amended and section 11c as added by 2017 PA 257, section 5n as added by 2017 PA 256, and section 10 as amended by 2023 PA 304.

HB 5639 (Rep. Mentzer)

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 722.111 to 722.128) by adding section 12a.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 5638 and HB 5639, but did not wish to speak:

Marcus Keech, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber.

Representative Farhat moved to report out HB 5637 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-0-5:

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. VanWoerkom, Markkanen, Outman, Tisdel, Hoadley.

Representative Grant moved to report out HB 5638 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 7-0-5:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

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

Representative Farhat moved to report out HB 5639 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 10-0-2:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Tisdell, Hoadley.

The Chair laid HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868 before the committee:

HB 5865 (Rep. Hill)	A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 27 (MCL 211.27), as amended by 2022 PA 240.
HB 5866 (Rep. Brixie)	A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled "Tax tribunal act," (MCL 205.701 to 205.779) by adding section 38.
HB 5867 (Rep. Xiong)	A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled "Tax tribunal act," by amending section 37 (MCL 205.737), as amended by 2012 PA 220.
HB 5868 (Rep. Markkanen)	A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled "Tax tribunal act," by amending section 3 (MCL 205.703), as amended by 2008 PA 125.

Representative Brixie testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Representative Markkanen testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Representative Steele testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, and Dan Stanley, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, testified in opposition to HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Dave Hodgkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Mayor Byron Nolen, representing the Michigan Black Caucus, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Kern Slucter testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Shane Peters, representing Bridgman Schools, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Matthew Showalter testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Andrea Ingmire, representing the Peter White Public Library, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Kermit Williams, representing Oakland Forward, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Molly Sweeny, representing 482 Forward, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Mikal Goodman, representing Pontiac City Council, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Denny Olsen, representing the Breitund Township Dickinson Company, testified in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, testified in opposition to HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Leah Robinson, representing the Michigan Chamber, testified in opposition to HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Shawon Cecil, representing Michigan Realtors, testified in opposition to HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868.

Dan Stanley returned to answer questions from the Committee.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867, and HB 5868, but did not wish to speak:

Karl Bohnak, representing himself.

Eric Waara, representing Houghton City.

Diego Vasquez-Salgado, representing the We the People Michigan Action Fund.

Marita Ky, representing We the People.

Charlie Cavell, representing Fund Michigan Future.

Rachel Udabe, representing We the People.

Art Reyes, representing United Automobile Workers.

Yvonne Navarrete, representing We the People Michigan.

Nia Wells, representing We the People Michigan.

Shawn Kendrick, representing 482 Forward.

Krystina Wilson, representing 482 Forward.

Erricka Wilson, representing 482 Forward.

Atinuke Usoro, representing 482 Forward.  
Arlyssa Heard, representing 482 Forward, Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition.  
Marta Johnson, representing herself.  
Debbie Mikula, representing the Michigan Library Association.  
Jenny Marr, representing the Michigan Library Association.  
Beth Kelly Byrd, representing the Service Employees International Union Michigan.  
Greg Eding, representing Lakeshore Public Schools.  
Murryum Farouqi, representing Fund Michigan Future.  
Eileen Hayes, representing Michigan Faith in Action.  
Denzel McCampbell, representing Progress Michigan.  
Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.  
John Shay, representing the City of Wyoming.  
Amanda Tomich, representing the Michigan Assessors Association.  
Imani Foster, representing 482 Forward.  
Liam Foster Jr, representing Fund Michigan Future.  
Leah Reeves, representing herself.  
Debi Steele, representing herself.  
Kristina Steele, representing herself.  
Marge Wisniewski, representing herself.  
William T. Weir, representing Michigan Future, 482 Forward.  
Andrew Reinel, representing Fund Michigan Future.  
Angela Domas, representing Meridian Township.  
Jessica Newman, representing Fund Michigan Future, United for Respect.  
Phil Deschaine, representing Meridian Township.  
Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.  
Jerry Johnson, representing the Barry, Branch, Jackson, Calhoun, Lenawee, and Monroe Intermediate School Districts.  
Jason Mellema, representing the Ingham Intermediate School District.  
Nikki Devitt, representing the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance.  
Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.  
Kate Pohjola Andrade, representing the Woodlands Library Conservative.  
Rich Rhoades, representing the Marquette County Ambassadors.  
Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Alliance for Student Opprotunity.  
Althea Madison Shelly, representing the Mather Elementary School Library.  
Mark Massicotte, representing the Baraga County Economic Development Corporation.  
Yvette Drayton, representing We the People Michigan.  
Jessica Luther, representing the Alpena County Library.  
Bob LaFave, representing the Village of L'Anse.  
Katie Cavanaugh, representing the Okemos Public Schools Board of Education.  
Lisa Waskin, representing herself.  
Karen Gonyea, representing the Manistique School and Public Library.  
Ellen Moore, representing herself.  
Matthew Schueller, representing the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators.  
Alan Fox, representing himself.  
Julie Houck, representing Grand Rapids for Affordable Housing.  
Matthew Kuschel, representing himself.  
Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, representing the City of Dearborn.

Steve Schmunk, representing the Peter White Public Library.  
Christopher Germain, representing the Lake Superior Community Partnership.  
Joe Meyskens, representing the Peter White Public Library.  
Randall Smolinski, representing Rogers Township (Presque Isle County).  
Anne Donohue, representing the Superiorland Library Cooperative.  
Melissa Alan, representing the Peter White Public Library.  
Jeremy Morelock, representing the Superiorland Library Cooperative.  
Sarah Rehborg, representing the Peter White Public Library.  
Debra L. Hoyt, representing Hayes Township, Clare County.  
Courtney Blake Sims, representing Mothering Justice.  
Catherine Thompson, representing the Charter Township of Vienna.  
Megan Owens, representing Transportation Riders United.  
Dillon Geshel, representing the Superiorland Library Cooperative.  
Rande Listerman, representing the Village of Pentwater.  
Sandy Stump, representing DeWitt Charter Township.  
Marsha Drouin, representing Richland Township, Kalamazoo County.  
Charlie Hirst, representing the Michigan Education Justice Coalition.  
Dian Slavens, representing Canton Township.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5865, HB 5866, HB 5867 and HB 5868, but did not wish to speak:

Marcus Keech, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber.  
Gavin Goetz, representing AT&T.  
Brian Shoaf, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.  
Fred Nicely, representing the Council on State Taxation.  
Dawn Crandall, representing the Home Builders Association of Michigan.  
Jacob Manning, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan.

At 1:28 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

Chair Neeley adjourned the committee, from Representative Hall, the time being 6:12 P.M.

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Representative Cynthia Neeley, Chair

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