



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND**  
**ENERGY**  
**REP. RACHEL HOOD**  
**CHAIR**

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 23, 2024                      12:00 PM                      Room 308, House Office Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy was called to order by Chair Hood.

At 12:00 PM, the Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus, Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 19, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 9, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Mayor Abdullah Hammoud representing the City of Dearborn testified on stormwater needs in the City of Dearborn.

The Chair laid HB 5499 before the committee:

HB 5499 (Rep. Hood)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative McKinney moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5499. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Present: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus, Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Austin Scott representing the House Fiscal Agency provided a summary of HB 5499 (H-2).

Representative Beson offered the following amendment to HB 5499 (H-2):

1. Amend page 2, line 23, after "FTEs" by striking out "57.0 9,445,800" and inserting "56.0 9,295,800".
2. Amend page 5, line 9, after "FTEs" by striking out "233.0 37,556,500" and inserting "232.0 37,406,400".
3. Amend page 5, line 11, after "FTEs" by striking out "169.0 28,282,900" and inserting "168.0 28,132,900".
4. Amend page 6, line 11, after "FTEs" by striking out "219.0 \$ 36,992,200" and inserting "218.0 \$ 36,842,300".
5. Amend page 7, line 24, after "FTEs" by striking out "23.0 \$ 6,539,400" and inserting "22.0 \$ 6,139,300".
6. Amend page 11, line 14, after "FTEs" by striking out "167.0 \$ 38,877,200" and inserting "160.0 \$ 37,827,200".
7. Amend page 12, line 3, after "FTEs" by striking out "122.0 24,871,900" and inserting "121.0 24,721,800" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5499 (H-2). The motion did not prevail 3-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Nays: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus.

Pass: None.

Representative Schuette offered the following amendment to HB 5499 (H-2):

1. Amend page 14, following line 14 by inserting "Four Lakes Task Force dam restoration 50,000,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Schuette moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5499 (H-2). The motion did not prevail 3-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Nays: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus.

Pass: None.

Representative Schuette offered the following amendment to HB 5499 (H-2):

1. Amend page 14, following line 12 by inserting "Curtis Drain project 5,000,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Schuette moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5499 (H-2). The motion did not prevail 3-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Nays: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus.

Pass: None.

Representative Beson offered the following amendment to HB 5499 (H-2):

1. Amend page 14, following line 14 by inserting "Kawkawlin River pillar removal 200,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5499 (H-2). The motion did not prevail 3-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Nays: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus.

Pass: None.

Representative Beson offered the following amendment to HB 5499 (H-2):

1. Amend page 14, following line 14 by inserting "Linwood Road Access sewer line installation 500,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Beson moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5499 (H-2). The motion did not prevail 3-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Nays: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus.

Pass: None.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendment to HB 5499 (H-2):

1. Amend page 14, following line 9, by inserting "Black River dredging and jetty installation 1,500,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5499 (H-2). The motion did not prevail 3-5-0:

#### UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Nays: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus.

Pass: None.

Representative Cavitt offered the following amendment to HB 5499 (H-2):

1. Amend page 14, following line 12, by inserting "Cooperative lakes monitoring program 150,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 20, following line 24, by inserting:

"Sec. 223. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by the department to promulgate a rule that will apply to a small business and that will have a disproportionate economic impact on small businesses because of the size of those businesses if the department fails to reduce the disproportionate economic impact of the rule on small businesses as provided under section 40 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.240.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Rule" means that term as defined under section 7 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.207.

(b) "Small business" means that term as defined under section 7a of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.207a."

3. Amend page 26, following line 16, by inserting:

"Sec. 305. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for contaminated site remediation and redevelopment programs, the department shall not expend more than 3% for administrative costs."

4. Amend page 26, following line 16, by inserting:

"Sec. 306. It is the intent of the legislature to repay the refined petroleum fund for the \$70,000,000.00 that was transferred to the environmental protection fund created in section 503a of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.503a, as part of the resolution for the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget."

5. Amend page 26, following line 16, by inserting:

"Sec. 307. The funds appropriated in part 1 for the refined petroleum cleanup program shall be used to fund corrective actions performed by the department pursuant to section 21320 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.21320."

6. Amend page 26, following line 18, by inserting:

"Sec. 401. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for water resource programs, not less than \$350,000.00 and not fewer than 2.0 FTE positions are allocated for dam safety programs. These amounts are in addition to any funding and FTEs utilized for this purpose in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024."

7. Amend page 36, following line 14, by inserting:

"Sec. 1009. From funds appropriated in part 1 for the cooperative lakes monitoring program, the department shall provide funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 to support the continuation of the department's contract for the cooperative lakes monitoring program and to ensure the continued operation of this program."

Representative Cavitt moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5499 (H-2). The motion did not prevail 3-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

Nays: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus.

Pass: None.

Representative McKinney moved to refer House Bill No. 5499 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute H-2. The motion prevailed 5-0-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hood, McKinney, Brabec, Weiss, Martus.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Beson, Cavitt, Schuette.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Hood adjourned the meeting at 1:03 PM.

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Representative Rachel Hood, Chair

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