

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

REP. ANNETTE GLENN CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

10:30 AM

Room 326, House Office Building

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

At 10:30 AM, the Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Glenn, VanSingel, Yaroch, Slagh, Thanedar, Rogers, Weiss.

Absent: None. Excused: None.

Motion to Approve Minutes Dated 3/15/22Motion to approve minutes by Unanimous Vote Thanedar

The Chair laid HB 5782 before the committee:

HB 5782 (Rep. Glenn)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Glenn moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5782. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Glenn, VanSingel, Yaroch, Slagh, Thanedar, Rogers, Weiss.

Nays: None. Pass: None.

Austin Scott representing the House Fiscal Agency provided a summary of HB 5782 (H-2).

Representative Thanedar offered the following amendment to HB 5782:

1 . Amend page 2, line 21, after "926,600" by inserting "Grants and records management-6.0 FTE positions 935,400".

- 2 . Amend page 6, line 22, after "Air quality programs--FTEs" by striking out "187.0 \$31,046,800" and inserting "211.0 \$35,486,600".
- 3 . Amend page 7, line 10, after "revitalization--FTEs" by striking out "130.0" and inserting "146.0".
- 4. Amend page 12, line 1, after "Drinking water and environmental health--FTEs" by striking out "134.0 \$22,814,100" and inserting "153.0 \$31,971,900".
- 5. Amend page 12, line 23, after "FTEs" by striking out "11.0" and inserting "16.0".
- 6 . Amend page 14, line 6, after "Oil, gas, and mineral services--FTEs" by striking out "59.0" and inserting "61.0".
- 7. Amend page 15, line 16, after "20,000,000" by inserting "Community technical, managerial, and financial support for lead line replacement..........48,000,000".
- 9. Amend page 15, line 18, after "15,000,000" by inserting Grants and records management 2,000,000".
- 10 . Amend page 15, line 19, after "12,000,000" by inserting "High water infrastructure grants 34,325,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Thanedar moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5782. The motion did not prevail 3-4-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Thanedar, Rogers, Weiss.

Nays: Reps. Glenn, VanSingel, Yaroch, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Thanedar offered the following amendment to HB 5782:

- 1.. Amend page 6, line 22, after "Air quality programs--FTEs" by striking out "187.0 \$31,046,800" and inserting "202.0 \$37,106,800".
- 2.. Amend page 6, line 25, after "Federal revenues:" by inserting "Coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund.......1,060,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
- 3. Amend page 31, following line 18, by inserting:

"AIR QUALITY PROGRAMS

Sec. 450. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for air quality programs, the department must allocate the following:

- (a) An amount not to exceed \$1,060,000.00 for equipment to increase the number of air quality regulatory monitoring stations by at least four plus one drone monitor, all in southeast Michigan.
- (b) An amount not the exceed \$5,000,000.00 and 15.0 FTE positions to continuously monitor data from air quality monitoring stations statewide, coordinate with local health departments when there is an air quality reading that is out of compliance with federal air quality standards or that could pose a threat to public health, and collaborate with local health departments to mitigate public health risks.".

Representative Thanedar moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5782. The motion did not prevail 3-4-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Thanedar, Rogers, Weiss.

Nays: Reps. Glenn, VanSingel, Yaroch, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Rogers offered the following amendment to HB 5782:

1. Amend page 30, following line 17, by inserting:

"Sec. 313. Receipt of remediation grant funding does not release parties responsible for environmental contamination from legal responsibility for contamination remediation. Environmental contamination as used in this section is defined in section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101."

Representative Rogers moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5782. The motion did not prevail 3-4-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Thanedar, Rogers, Weiss.

Nays: Reps. Glenn, VanSingel, Yaroch, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Weiss offered the following amendment to HB 5782:

- 1. Amend page 15, line 21, after "1,000,000" by inserting "Water affordability grant program 100,000,000".
- 2. Amend page 15, line 25, after "Coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund" by striking out "68,625,000" and inserting "168,625,000" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
- 3. Amend page 44, following line 9, by inserting:
- "Sec. 603. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the water affordability grant program, \$100,000,000.00 shall be used bythe department of treasury to create and administer the water affordability grant program. The department of treasury shall provide water affordability grants to utility companies and providers that must be used to pay off the remaining balance of customers' residential water bills that are in arrears.
- (2) Entities awarded grants under this section must adopt a moratorium on shutting off the water service to customers for one year after receiving grant award.
- (3) The department of treasury shall require from each awardee the submission of a report to the department that provides data on the number of water shutoffs that the entity made in the prior year within their service area. The department of treasury shall work in consultation with the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy to determine the appropriate data to be required in the report.
- (4) The department of treasury shall submit a report that provides all the data required in subsection (3) to the chairpersons of the house of representatives and senate standing committees on appropriations, the relevant house of representatives and senate appropriations subcommittees, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.
- (5) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the water affordability grant program are designated as a work project appropriation. Any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:
- (a) The purpose of the work project is to provide support for the costs of the water affordability grant program.

- (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.
- (c) The total estimated cost of the work project is \$100,000,000.00.
- (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2026".

Representative Weiss moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5782. The motion did not prevail 3-4-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Thanedar, Rogers, Weiss.

Nays: Reps. Glenn, VanSingel, Yaroch, Slagh.

Pass: None.

Representative Slagh moved to refer House Bill No. 5782 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 4-3-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Glenn, VanSingel, Yaroch, Slagh.

Nays: Reps. Thanedar, Rogers, Weiss.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Glenn adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

Representative Annette Glenn, Chair

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