



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. GARY HOWELL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 17, 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, Eisen, Wakeman, Martin, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Cambensy moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 10, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the Committee a presentation by Karen Middendorp, Executive Director, Michigan Snowmobile and ORV Association. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 4535 and HB 4536 before the committee:

HB 4535 (Rep. Borton)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 82101 and 82110 (MCL 324.82101 and 324.82110), section 82101 as amended by 2020 PA 385 and section 82110 as amended by 2004 PA 587, and by adding section 82163.

HB 4536 (Rep. Borton)

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 8831 (MCL 600.8831), as added by 1995 PA 54.

Representative Sowerby moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4535. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Martin, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Borton testified in support of HB 4535 and HB 4536. Questions and discussion followed.

Karen Middendorp, representing the Michigan Snowmobile and Off Road Vehicle Association (MISORVA), testified in support of HB 4535 and HB 4536. Questions and discussion followed.

Jim Kelts, representing the Michigan Snowmobile and Off Road Vehicle Association (MISORVA), testified in support of HB 4535 and HB 4536.

Paul Anderson, representing himself, testified in support of HB 4535 and HB 4536. Questions and discussion followed.

Jenny Marr, representing the Michigan Library Association, testified in opposition to HB 4535 and HB 4536. Questions and discussion followed.

Craig Brunet, Ron Olson and Lt. David Shaw, representing the Department of Natural Resources, testified with a neutral position on HB 4535 and HB 4536. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Markkanen moved to report out HB 4535 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Martin, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Eisen moved to report out HB 4536 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Martin, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4980 before the committee:

HB 4980 (Rep. VanSingel)

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 626a (MCL 257.626a).

Representative VanSingel testified in support of HB 4980. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative LaFave moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4980. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Martin, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Dave Martel, representing the Silver Lake Recreation Area, testified in support of HB 4980.

Craig Brunet, representing the Department of Natural Resources, testified with a neutral position on HB 4980. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative LaFave moved to report out HB 4980 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 6-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Martin, Cambensy.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Sowerby, Aiyash.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4980, but did not wish to speak:

Karen Middendorp, representing the Michigan Snowmobile and ORV Association.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Howell adjourned the meeting at 11:52 AM.

Representative Gary Howell, Chair

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