

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
Agriculture and Rural Development/Natural Resources  
DRAFT MINUTES  
DATE: April 20, 2023**

Chair Brixie called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, Mentzer, Borton, and Alexander were present.

Representative Borton moved to adopt the minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting. The motion was adopted without objection.

Rep. Martus moved to adopt substitute H-1 for House Bill 4289, the Chair's recommendation for the FY 2023-24 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development budget. Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted yes, Representatives Borton, and Alexander passed. The motion was adopted.

The House Fiscal Agency presented an overview of the substitute. Copies of the HFA Summary and detailed Decision Documents are included in the official minutes in HFA files and are available on the HFA website.

Rep. Borton offered an amendment (Amendment #1) to strike the \$6.2 million appropriation for Emerging Contaminants and related boilerplate. Representatives Borton and Alexander voted yes; Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Alexander offered an amendment (Amendment #2) to increase the appropriation for Local Conservation Districts from \$2.0 million to \$4.0 million. Representatives Borton and Alexander voted yes; Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Martus moved to report House Bill 4289 (H-1), to the full House Committee on Appropriations. Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted yes, Representatives Borton, and Alexander passed. The motion was adopted.

Rep. Martus moved to adopt substitute H-1 for **House Bill 4290**, the Chair's recommendation for the FY 2023-24 Michigan Department of Natural Resources budget. Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted yes, Representatives Borton, and Alexander passed. The motion was adopted.

The House Fiscal Agency presented an overview of the substitute. Copies of the HFA Summary are included in the official minutes in HFA files and are available on the HFA website.

Rep. Borton offered an amendment (Amendment #1) to strike funding for the Michigan Conservation Corps. Representatives Borton and Alexander voted yes; Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Alexander offered an amendment (Amendment #2) to provide funding to repair the Cornwall Flooding dam. Representatives Borton and Alexander voted yes; Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Borton offered an amendment (Amendment #3) to allow individuals to feed birds or wildlife within 300 feet of their residence without departmental prohibition. Representatives Borton and Alexander voted yes; Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Martus offered an amendment (Amendment #4) to amendment Sec. 1206 to match the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan natural resources trust fund deposit. Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted yes; Representatives Borton and Alexander voted no; the motion was adopted.

Rep. Martus offered an amendment (Amendment #5) to reduce funding in part 1 for the AuSable and Manistee River restoration initiative. Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted yes; Representatives Borton and Alexander voted no; the motion was adopted.

Rep. Martus moved to report House Bill 4290 (H-1), to the full House Committee on Appropriations. Representatives Brixie, Martus, Puri, McKinney, and Mentzer voted yes, Representatives Borton, and Alexander passed. The motion was adopted.

Chair Brixie adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM without objection.

Minutes taken by William E, Hamilton and Austin Scott, House Fiscal Agency  
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