

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Agriculture Rep. Reggie Miller Chair

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 9:00 AM Room 327, House Office Building

The House Committee on Agriculture was called to order by Chair Miller.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Miller, Stone, Young, Coffia, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer, VanderWall, Roth, Bierlein, Smit. Absent: Rep. Paiz. Excused: Rep. Paiz.

Representative Coffia moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 17, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4673 before the committee:

HB 4673 (Rep. Miller) A bill to require certain original equipment manufacturers and authorized repair providers of agricultural equipment to make diagnostic, maintenance, and repair parts, tools, and documentation available to independent repair providers and owners of that equipment; and to provide remedies.

At 9:02 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 9:03 AM, Rep. Coffia called the committee back to order.

Representative Miller and Jacob Feist, representing the Michigan Corn Growers Association, testified in support of HB 4673. Questions and discussion followed.

At 9:12 AM, Rep. Coffia laid the committee at ease.

At 9:13 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Tim Boring, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified in support of HB 4673. Questions and discussion followed.

Christy McGillivray, representing the Sierra Club, testified in support of HB 4673.

Bob Thompson, representing the Michigan Farmers Union, testified in support of HB 4673. Questions and discussion followed.

Eric Wareham, representing the North American Dealers Association, testified in opposition to HB 4673. Questions and discussion followed.

Scott Wadsworth, representing Tri County Equipment, testified in opposition to HB 4673. Questions and discussion followed.

Kevin O'Reilly, representing the Public Interest Resource Group, testified in support of HB 4673.

Willie Cade, representing Repair.org, testified in support of HB 4673. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4673, but did not wish to speak: Nick Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

The following person submitted a card in opposition to HB 4673, but did not wish to speak: Josh Waggener, representing Hutson Incorporated.

The following person submitted a card with no position on HB 4673, but did not wish to speak:

Rachel McGowan McCarthy, representing the Motorcycle Industry Council, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, and Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4673, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Jeff Oldham, representing GreenMark Equipment.

William Miller, representing the Operating Engineers Local 324.

Craig Vanderkolk, representing Burnips Equipment.

Representative Stone moved to excuse Representative Paiz from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting.

Representative Reggie Miller, Chair

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