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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources

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Wednesday, February 21, 2018                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Gary Howell, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy. (9/9)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 14, 2018 as printed.

**Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of February 14, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5180.

**HB 5180 (LaFave)**                      Natural resources; hunting; use of pneumatic airbows in certain hunting seasons; allow.

**Representative LaFave offered, explained and moved to adopt the (H-3) substitute for House Bill 5180.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (9/9)**

**Nays: None. (0/9)**

The substitute was adopted.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, stated her organization is neutral and has concerns with the bill. Questions followed.

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified and submitted a testimony card stating the department has no position on (H-3) as amended. Questions followed.

Representative Scott Dianda, representing the 110<sup>th</sup> House District, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed

George Lindquist, representing the Upper Peninsula Whitetails of Marquette County, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the substitute and amendments to bill, but did not wish to speak.

Sam Moreno, representing the Michigan Bow Hunters Association, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the substitute and amendments to bill, but did not wish to speak.

Merle Shepard, Advisor for Safari Club International, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed. A copy of his position statement on airbows is attached.

Dale Hendershot, Director at Large for the Michigan Trappers & Predator Callers Association, testified in opposition to the bill.

Tom Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer for Michigan Operation Freedom Outdoors, testified and submitted a testimony card stating he is neutral on the bill. Questions followed.

Joseph Syring, National Sales Manager for the Crosman Corporation, testified in support of the bill as amended. Questions followed.

Tony Daunt, Executive Director at Michigan Freedom Fund, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Rendon offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 5180 (H-3):**

1. Amend page 6, line 25, after "DEPARTMENT" by striking out "SHALL" and inserting "MAY".

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (9/9)**

**Nays: None. (0/9)**

The amendment was adopted.

**Representative Bellino offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 5180 (H-3):**

1. Amend page 7, line 5, after "BOW" by inserting "OR CROSSBOW".

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (9/9)**

**Nays: None. (0/9)**

The amendment was adopted.

**Representative Maturen offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 5180 (H-3):**

1. Amend page 7, line 8, after "department" by striking out "MUST" and inserting "may".

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (9/9)**

**Nays: None. (0/9)**

The amendment was adopted.

**Representative VanderWall offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 5180 (H-3):**

1. Amend page 7, line 19, after "department" by striking out "MUST" and inserting "may".

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (9/9)**

**Nays: None. (0/9)**

The amendment was adopted.

At 10:16 a.m., the Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair.

At 10:19 a.m., the Chair reconvened the committee.

**Representative LaFave moved to report House Bill 5180 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-4) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Greig, (9/9)**

**Nays: None. (0/9)**

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Chang moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:20 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Gary Howell, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee