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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources

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Wednesday, April 25, 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 April 11, 2018 as printed.

**Representative Cambensy moved to adopt the minutes of April 11, 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 Senate Bills 839, 840, and 881.

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| <b>SB 839</b> | <b>(Casperson)</b> | Natural resources; mining; certain amendments to a mining permit; allow by written notification to department of environmental quality. |
| <b>SB 840</b> | <b>(Casperson)</b> | Environmental protection; water pollution; certain waste collection or treatment facilities; exempt from certain permit requirements.   |
| <b>SB 881</b> | <b>(Casperson)</b> | Environmental protection; water pollution; exemptions for tailings disposal facilities; modify.   |
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Senator Tom Casperson, the sponsor of the bills, explained the bills. Questions followed from a committee member.

Matt Johnson, Manager of External Affairs for the Lundin Mining Company's Eagle Mine, testified in support of Senate Bills 839 and 840.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, with Brad Garmon, Director of Conservation and Emerging Issues for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to Senate Bill 839. Mr. Hammond submitted a testimony card stating his organization is neutral on Senate Bill 840.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of Senate Bills 839 and 840, but did not wish to speak:

Tim Lynott, CMA, Manager of Finance and Administration for Highland Copper Company Incorporated, and

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Nicholas Occhipinti, Government Affairs Director Michigan League of Conservation Voters, and Kara Cook, the Government Affairs Manager for Michigan League of Conservation Voters, submitted a testimony card in opposition to Senate Bill 839, but did not wish to speak.

Tim Lynott, CMA, Manager of Finance and Administration for Highland Copper Company Incorporated, and Scott J. Steiner, an Environmental Law Attorney from Grand Rapids, Michigan, testified in support of Senate Bill 881. Questions followed. A copy of their PowerPoint is attached.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, submitted a testimony card in support of Senate Bill 881, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in opposition to Senate Bill 881, but did not wish to speak:

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council;

Nicholas Occhipinti, Government Affairs Director Michigan League of Conservation Voters; and

Kara Cook, the Government Affairs Manager for Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

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The Chair recognized Representative Maturen, who introduced his constituents to the committee; the committee recognized his guests.

At 9:59 a.m., the Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair.

At 10:03 a.m., the Chair reconvened the committee.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5711.

**HB 5711 (Cole)**                      Natural resources; hunting; certain hunting age limits on public land; remove.

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative VanderWall moved to report House Bill 5711 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill 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 Cambensy, (9/9)**

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

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:04 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