

Roger May, PhD, Region Technical Manager at TruGreen, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Amy Frankmann, Executive Director of Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Tom Zimmicki, Agriculture Policy Director for Michigan Environmental Council, and
Mike Berkowitz, Legislative and Political Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 5889.

HB 5889 (VanSingel) Natural resources; inland lakes; lake level assessment fee reimbursement; provide for under certain circumstances.

Representative Scott VanSingel, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

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 testify.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5866.

HB 5866 (Bellino) Natural resources; fishing; general amendments to fishing regulations; provide for.

Representative Joseph Bellino, the bill sponsor, explained the bill.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support and suggested a few amendments for the bill, and introduced Brian Gilson, President of the Bowfishing Association of Michigan, who testified in support of the bill. Ms. Trotter provided the committee members with a sheet of suggested amendments for the bill, which is attached

The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 5854 and 5855.

HB 5854 (Howell) Natural resources; wetlands; voluntary wetland restoration permit program; create.

HB 5855 (Bellino) Natural resources; wetlands; voluntary wetland restoration permit program; provide definitions for.

The Chair asked Gildo Tori, Director of Public Policy of Ducks Unlimited, to come forward to answer a committee member's questions

The Chair asked Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, to come forward to address questions from committee members.

Representative LaFave moved to report House Bill 5854 without amendment and with 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 and Chang, (8/9)

Nays: None, (0/9)

Pass: Representative Cambensy. (1/9)

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

Representative Bellino moved to report House Bill 5855 without amendment and with 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 and Chang, (8/9)

Nays: None, (0/9)

Pass: Representative Cambensy. (1/9)

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

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:08 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Gary Howell, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee