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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

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.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Howell, LaFave, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Greig. (8/9)**

Members absent and excused were **Representative Maturen. (1/9)**

Representative LaFave moved to excuse the absent member. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of June 6, 2017, as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of June 6, 2017, as printed.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4583.

HB 4583 (Whiteford) Environmental protection; underground storage tanks; legacy underground storage tank cleanup program; establish.

Representative Mary Whiteford, the bill sponsor, explained the substitute (H-1). Questions followed.

Representative VanderWall moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4583.

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, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Grieg. (7/9)

Nays: None. (0/9)

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to HB 4583.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4583, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Miner, representing AFPP.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

Jason Geer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Pete Langley, representing API- Michigan.

Sarah Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Casey Steffee, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Robert Gordon, representing the Sierra Club, Michigan Chapter, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4583, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Chang offered to following amendment to HB 4583 (H-1):

1. Amend page 2, line 20, by inserting:
"(F) ~~(e)~~-Other purposes as determined by the legislature." and relettering the remaining subdivisions.

Representative Chang moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4583 (H-1).

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

Yeas: Representatives Sowerby, Chang, and Grieg. (3/9)

Nays: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Bellino, Rendon, and VanderWall. (5/9)

Representative Chang offered to following amendment to HB 4583 (H-1):

1. Amend page 5, line 16, after "**THE**" by striking out "**REGISTRATION**".

Representative Chang moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4583 (H-1).

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

Yeas: Representatives Sowerby, Chang, and Grieg. (3/9)

Nays: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Bellino, Rendon, and VanderWall. (5/9)

Representative Sowerby offered to following amendment to HB 4583 (H-1):

1. Amend page 4, line 20, after "**PART.**" by inserting "**THE CALCULATION OF NET WORTH UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE VALUE OF ANY PROPERTY THAT CONTAINS A REFINED PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEM.**".

Representative Sowerby moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4583 (H-1).

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

Yeas: Representatives Sowerby, Chang, and Grieg. (3/9)

Nays: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Bellino, Rendon, and VanderWall. (5/9)

Representative Greig offered to following amendment to HB 4583 (H-1):

1. Amend page 6, following line 15, by inserting:

"(4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT APPROVE A REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AT ALL CLASS 1 SITES IN WHICH THE PERSONS THAT ARE LIABLE FOR THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE NOT FINANCIALLY VIABLE OR NOT READILY IDENTIFIABLE. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CLASS 1 SITE" MEANS A CLASS 1 SITE AS DESCRIBED IN THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "REMEDIAION AND REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE", ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE, AUGUST 21, 2003, REVISED DATE, NOVEMBER 8, 2013." and renumbering the remaining subsection.

Representative Greig moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4583 (H-1).

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

Yeas: Representatives Sowerby, Chang, and Grieg. (3/9)

Nays: Representatives Howell, LaFave, Bellino, Rendon, and VanderWall. (5/9)

Representative VanderWall moved to report House Bill 4583 with recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and 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, Bellino, Rendon, and VanderWall. (5/9)

Nays: Representatives Sowerby, Chang, and Greig. (3/9)

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on "Michigan Forestry".

Tim Biewer, representing Biewer Lumber, and Charlie Becker, representing Weyehaeuse, gave a presentation to the committee on the Timber Advisory Council and the Michigan Forestry Related Industries. Questions and discussion followed.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:50 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Gary Howell, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Kevin Gawronski, Acting Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee