

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON
Agriculture and Rural Development/Natural Resources
DRAFT MINUTES
DATE: April 12, 2022**

Chair Allor called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Representatives Allor, Beson, Maddock, Borton, Marino, Hood and Johnson were present.

Rep. Maddock moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting; the motion was approved without objection.

The subcommittee heard testimony from Trish Steele, representing the Michigan Association of Fairs and Expositions. A copy of Ms. Steele's written testimony is included in the official HFA minutes and is posted to the HFA website.

Rep. Beson moved to adopt substitute H-1 for House Bill 5778 – the Chair's recommendation for the FY 2022-23 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development budget. Representatives Allor, Beson, Maddock, Borton, Marino, and Johnson voted yes; Representative Hood voted no, the motion was adopted.

The House Fiscal Agency presented an overview of the substitute. Copies of the HFA Summary and detailed Decision Documents are included in the official minutes in HFA files and are available on the HFA website.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #1) to include \$30.0 million GF/GP for an economic development for food and agriculture program. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson, Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #2) to include \$10.0 million GF/GP for the office of rural development. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson, Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Johnson offered an amendment (Amendment #3) to include \$650,000 GF/GP for the animal industry program. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson, Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #4) to recognize \$5.4 million in federal USDA grant funding for a reforestation program. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; Representative Beson abstained; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Johnson offered an amendment (Amendment #5) to strike out sections 222 and 224. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson, Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #6) to include an additional \$1.0 million GF/GP

for the fair food network/double up food bucks program, and to amend related boilerplate to replace 85% with 80% boilerplate distribution requirement. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; Representative Beson abstained; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Johnson offered an amendment (Amendment #7) to include \$500,000 GF/GP for a community supported agriculture program. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson, Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #8) to include an additional \$1.1 million GF/GP for the fair food network/double up food bucks program. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; Representative Beson abstained; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #9) to include an additional \$1.0 million GF/GP for local conservation districts. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #10) to provide additional funding for agricultural preservation grants program and to add new related boilerplate. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #11) to establish a new \$1.0 million GF/GP Michigan good food fund. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #12) to recognize \$5.4 million in federal USDA grant funding for a reforestation program and to direct the use of program funds through boilerplate. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson , Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Borton moved to report House Bill 5778 (H-1), to the full House Committee on Appropriations. Representatives Allor, Beson, Maddock, Borton, Marino, and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Hood voted no; the motion was adopted.

Representative Marino moved to adopt substitute H-1 for House Bill 5789 – the Chair’s recommendation for the FY 2022-23 Michigan Department of Natural Resources budget. Representatives Allor, Beson, Marino, Maddock, Borton, Hood and Johnson voted yes; the motion was adopted.

The House Fiscal Agency presented an overview of the substitute. Copies of the HFA Summary are included in the official minutes in HFA files and are available on the HFA website.

Rep. Hood offered an amendment (Amendment #1) to restore cuts from the executive budget to

the H-1 substitute. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson , Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Johnson offered an amendment (Amendment #2) to remove section 206 from the H-1 substitute. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson , Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Johnson offered an amendment (Amendment #3) to remove section 222 from the H-1 substitute. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson , Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Johnson offered an amendment (Amendment #4) to remove section 240 from the H-1 substitute. Representatives Hood and Johnson voted yes; Representatives Allor, Beson , Maddock, Borton, and Marino voted no; the motion was not adopted.

Rep. Marino moved to report House Bill 5789 (H-1), to the full House Committee on Appropriations. Representatives Allor, Beson, Marino, Maddock, Borton, Hood, and Johnson voted yes, the motion was adopted.

Chair Allor adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM without objection.

Minutes taken by William E, Hamilton and Austin Scott, House Fiscal Agency
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