

2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

for the 99th Michigan Legislature



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ONE BIG WIN & STRONGER DEFENSE THAN EVER BEFORE

MARQUETTE

What made this possible? YOU

In 2015 and 2016, you used your voice to tell your legislators to move forward with clean energy, demand clean drinking water in our communities, and conserve our state's incredible natural resources.

But we were only able to do that because of support from members like you. Together, we are making a difference.

An important part of our work is holding our elected officials accountable. This scorecard tells you whether your representatives in Lansing listened to you and your neighbors, or if they listened to special interests.

1 Tell your legislators you know the score

It only takes a minute to say thanks—or to say no thanks—to your legislators.

2 Donate

Because we could not accomplish our mission without the generous support of our members, please make a donation so that we can continue fighting for clean air and clean water in your community and continue our stewardship of Michigan's unparalleled natural resources.

3 Spread the word

Finally, share this scorecard with your friends and family so they know the score of their elected officials, too.

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Friends and Members,

I am incredibly proud to share the story of this last legislative session with the citizens of Michigan, as well as my partners and colleagues across the country. It is the story of how in the final hours of 2016, in a showing of bipartisan collaboration too rare these days, the Michigan Legislature approved a major energy policy reform that builds upon our state's successful clean energy standards.

People who aren't familiar with Michigan LCV always ask, "How was that possible in this age of hyper-partisanship?" That's when I get to give them reason for hope. I get to tell them how, through smart advocacy, teamwork, and a nonpartisan approach, we were able to make a real difference. Not only were we able to push a strong clean energy policy across the finish line, but we did this while playing defense at every turn.

This big win came after many years of hard work, and it only happened because we were able to mobilize pro-conservation legislators from both parties to push for progress. I am proud of the work Michigan LCV did to connect voters with their Senators and Representatives, changing the conversation at the Capitol. I am grateful to the legislators who came together to pass landmark energy policy that moves Michigan toward a clean energy future. Most of all, I am humbled by Michigan LCV members for making it all possible. Your unwavering support made a difference and ultimately won the day. Thank you.

Throughout this Environmental Scorecard, you'll continue to see small steps forward and hope for real bipartisan solutions that protect our air, land, and water. But there is another side of the story that we must share. The 2015–2016 legislative session was also when—in the face of a number of significant challenges—our elected leaders unfortunately did not take the opportunity to provide for the most basic public health and environmental needs of our citizens. The Flint Water Crisis took a dreadful, unprecedented toll on thousands of innocent children and their families. Enbridge's aging Line 5 pipeline was caught without required safeguards beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Toxic algae blooms on Lake Erie threatened the health of millions who rely on the lake for their drinking water. Too many good, proactive bills were ignored at a time when Michiganders needed them most. It was imperative that leaders in both chambers acted decisively to make a difference for the communities they represent and for the future of our state, but they simply did not. Over the next two years, we must help our lawmakers lead and address these threats facing our natural resources, and we must hold them accountable.

The last two years—while sometimes filled with deep disappointment and not enough progress—affirm that when the conservation community comes together we can shape our state's future for the better. Thank you for standing with us over the last two years and for joining us in the hard work ahead. Together we will accomplish great things for Michigan and her people.



Onward!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Wozniak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Wozniak
Executive Director



YOUR ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

Environmental protection scored a major clean air and clean energy win in the Michigan Legislature this year, but that was pretty far from where the conversation started. In early 2015, key legislators began passing their first drafts of energy reforms around Lansing. These early plans ranged from attempts to repeal our clean energy standards to huge new fees on residential solar to gutting the growing clean energy sector here in Michigan.

From day one, voters like you engaged in the political process, and at every step you achieved what many political insiders would have thought impossible. **Through months of continuous advocacy you made it clear that relying on dirty energy was unacceptable.**

Over the course of two years, you transformed the energy plan from a colossal step backward to a critically important step forward: and that is no small feat. In the final hours of session in December, majorities in both the House and Senate approved a bipartisan plan for the future of energy policy in Michigan. The plan is designed to reduce pollution in the air we breathe, lower our state's carbon emissions, and create good-paying clean energy jobs for the future.

While work remains to be done, this compromise plan clearly moves us closer to a clean energy future. In a time of hyper-partisanship, you were able to secure bipartisan support and strengthen our clean energy standards. **When Michiganders engage in the political process, we can and do win.**

Michigan LCV will keep fighting for stronger clean energy policies in the months and years ahead. This clean energy victory made it crystal clear that you are essential to that success.

The Importance of Defense

THE STORY OF THE 2015-2016 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE IS IN MANY WAYS ONE OF INACTION: **THE FLINT WATER CRISIS IS CASE IN POINT.**

However, within that stalled progress, there is also a story of engaged Michiganders working together to stop many of the worst attacks on our public health and environmental protections. A prime example of that critical defensive work came in late 2015 in the form of the Pipeline Secrecy Bill. A handful of legislators were looking to take away our right to know about the safety of oil and gas pipelines running through our backyards and under our Great Lakes. Michigan LCV sounded the alarm and our members took action. Thanks to your quick outreach, we were able to mobilize bipartisan opposition early on to send the clear message that rolling back transparency and endangering our clean water are non-starters in the Great Lakes State.

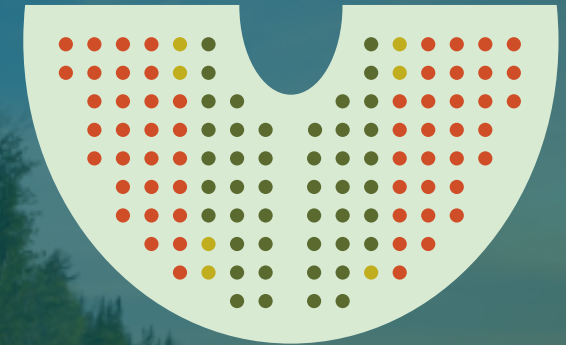
We are proud to say that over the last two years your support allowed us to develop a strong playbook by building bipartisan partnerships and deploying rapid, strategic action when and where we could make a difference. We also know that while good defense is important, we must do more. We must find ways to move policies forward that do more to protect the health of our communities, the health of our Great Lakes, and indeed the future of our state and our planet. Your engagement was critical to all of Michigan LCV's victories, and we are eager to translate our strong defense into positive momentum toward tackling the big challenges our state faces today.

TOWARD A CONSERVATION MAJORITY

Because Michigan LCV is both political and nonpartisan, we don't work toward a Democratic majority or a Republican majority.

Our goal is to build a pro-conservation majority of state lawmakers from both parties who support protecting the health of our communities by tackling the big issues facing Michigan's land, air, and water.

HOUSE Conservation Majority Breakdown



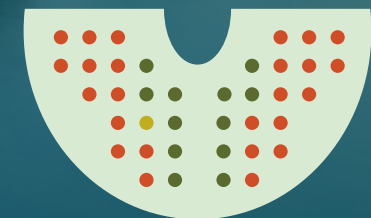
YES = 45

MAYBE = 7

NO = 59

TOTAL = 111[†]

SENATE Conservation Majority Breakdown



YES = 12

MAYBE = 1

NO = 25

TOTAL = 38

[†] Total number of legislators in the Michigan House exceeds number of House districts due to several special elections, early resignations from office, and the untimely passing of two Representatives during their terms.

NOTABLE LEADERS

Clean Energy All Stars



*Representative
Sam Singh*
D—EAST LANSING



*Senator
Jim Ananich*
D—FLINT

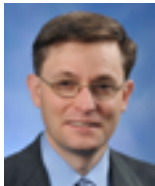


*Senator
Dale Zorn*
R—IDA

This bipartisan group of legislators not only worked together to fend off attacks on Michigan’s renewable energy and energy efficiency standards, but they also went to the mat to ensure that we were able to actually increase Michigan’s commitment to developing clean, renewable energy. They pushed behind the scenes, lobbied their colleagues,

and negotiated for positive changes to the way we regulate Michigan’s energy sector. Through their leadership and determination we were able to ensure that by 2021 at least 15 percent of Michigan’s energy needs will come from renewable sources, and that Michiganders will continue to save money on their utility bills through programs that decrease needless energy waste. They also successfully killed an effort to gut Michigan’s residential solar program that would have penalized homeowners for producing their own power and contributing to the grid.

Bipartisan Leadership



*Representative
Martin Howrylak*
R—TROY



*Representative
Kristy Pagan*
D—CANTON

We know that environmental and conservation issues are nonpartisan issues and matter to all citizens, regardless of any political party affiliation. But too often it can be difficult for Republicans and Democrats in Lansing to put aside their partisan differences and work together. That is why we were proud to partner with Representatives Howrylak and Pagan to stop the dangerous Pipeline Secrecy Bill; a bill that would have taken away our right to know about the safety of oil and

gas pipelines that run through our backyards by exempting all “energy infrastructure” from Michigan’s Freedom of Information Act. The bill was an attack on government transparency, the rights of property owners, and the health of our clean water. With their firm bipartisan opposition and our citizen mobilization, we were able to prevent this bill from moving forward with any reference to “energy infrastructure.”

Great Lakes Champions



*Representative
Jon Bumstead*
R—NEWAYGO



*Senator
Rick Jones*
R—GRAND LEDGE

When it became clear that a few companies were interested in opening up the Great Lakes to factory fish farms, Representative Bumstead and Senator Jones took decisive action. They both introduced legislation that would ban commercial fish farming in the Great Lakes and some inland waterways. Furthermore, they worked within their respective chambers to stop all efforts to open up our lakes to these factory fish farms. Senator Jones also showed his leadership on Great

Lakes issues by introducing a bill aimed at decommissioning Enbridge’s Line 5 pipeline; the 64-year-old oil pipeline that runs beneath the Straits of Mackinac between Michigan’s upper and lower peninsulas. His leadership helped increase public awareness of the dangers that this aging pipeline poses to our Great Lakes, and mapped out a path forward for the legislature to be a part of the solution.

Rising Stars



*Representative
Stephanie Chang*
D—DETROIT



*Representative
Sheldon Neeley*
D—FLINT

Representatives Chang and Neeley represent communities hit hard by environmental crises: areas of our state where clean air and clean drinking water have been compromised, and where the health of their constituents is undermined by toxic pollutants. Representative Chang led the fight to strengthen Michigan’s clean air protections and reduce the high levels of harmful air pollution that sicken the families of her district in Southwest Detroit. Working together

in 2016, we were proud to help her stall a plan to hand out a huge \$50 million no-strings-attached tax break to one of the region’s worst violators of our clean air laws.

From the very first day that Flint residents noticed something was wrong with their drinking water, Representative Neeley worked tirelessly to ensure that safe water was restored to every tap in his community. The fight for safe drinking water in Flint is far from over, and Representative Neeley was at the forefront in the House, pushing to ensure that residents impacted by lead exposure had access to the long-term care and resources they need, and that a crisis like this never happens again in Michigan.

BILL GRAVEYARD

Good Bills

The 2015–2016 legislative session was marked by too many good proposals that were never seriously considered or given a vote. If adopted, these policies would have helped remedy some of the very real threats to the health and quality of life of Michigan’s citizens. Michigan LCV is actively seeking champions to resurrect this needed legislation in 2017.

HB 5255 // Rep. Jon Bumstead • R–NEWAYGO

SB 526 // Sen. Rick Jones • R–GRAND LEDGE

House Bill 5255 and Senate Bill 526 prohibited net pen fish farming in the Great Lakes and portions of connected waterways. Net pens are cages that house farmed fish in our lakes and streams, where they release massive amounts of fish waste and other byproducts into the surrounding waters. These bills would have protected our fishing and outdoor recreation industries by preventing a dramatic increase in algae-feeding nutrients, like phosphorus, and the potential spread of aquatic diseases that could threaten thriving Great Lakes wild fish populations.

HB 5732 // Rep. Julie Plawecki • D–DEARBORN HEIGHTS

HB 5733 // Rep. Gretchen Driskell • D–SALINE

Did you know that Michigan is the only state in the country without a uniform septic code? These bills aimed to fix that by establishing a statewide standard for maintenance and inspection of residential septic systems. The State estimates that approximately 130,000 septic systems are currently failing in Michigan—releasing 31 million gallons of raw sewage into our waterways every day. The Great Lakes State should be leading the way in protecting our freshwater resources, not falling behind every other state in the nation.

HB 5404 // Rep. Phil Phelps • D–FLINT

HB 5405 // Rep. Sheldon Neeley • D–FLINT

HB 5406 // Rep. Stephanie Chang • D–DETROIT

SB 829 // Sen. Jim Ananich • D–FLINT

SB 830 // Sen. Coleman Young II • D–DETROIT

SB 831 // Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood • D–TAYLOR

These two bill packages would have reestablished citizen oversight of air and water quality decisions made by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The Flint water crisis coupled with ongoing concerns around high levels of air pollution in our urban communities—notably Southwest Detroit—highlighted the serious need for increased citizen engagement with the DEQ on issues that directly impact the health and well-being of our communities. These bills would have allowed citizens to be part of the conversation when the DEQ decides to issue, deny, revoke, suspend, or modify permits for sources of pollution, and be able to provide guidance to the agency in investigating citizen complaints and concerns.

SB 880 // Sen. Rick Jones • R–GRAND LEDGE

Senate Bill 880 aimed to stop any future oil pipelines from running through the Great Lakes. It also required operators of current oil pipelines to undergo a full risk analysis by a qualified independent third party. If the analysis concluded that risks were high, the pipeline would be shut down immediately. The bill was drafted with the looming threat of Enbridge’s Line 5 in mind, a 64-year-old oil pipeline that runs through the Straits of Mackinac.

Good Bills (continued)

LEAD PROTECTIONS

HB 5094 & HB 5461 // Rep. Sheldon Neeley • D–FLINT
HB 5285 // Rep. Adam Zemke • D–ANN ARBOR
HB 5459 // Rep. Phil Phelps • D–FLINT
HB 5553 & HB 5554 // Rep. Robert Kosowski • D–WESTLAND

Increase and strengthen monitoring and testing requirements for lead contamination of our drinking water

HB 5423 // Rep. Amanda Price • R–PARK TOWNSHIP

Allow for on-bill financing for replacement of residential lead pipes

HB 6058 // Rep. Tom Cochran • D–MASON

Include in-home plumbing and water filters in lead abatement measures and funding

SB 1118 // Sen. Jim Ananich • D–FLINT

Reduce lead action level to 5 parts per billion by 2021

CLEAN ENERGY & CLEAN AIR

HB 4057 // Rep. Stephanie Chang • D–DETROIT

Require cumulative impact study on air quality permit

HB 4171 // Rep. Ben Glardon • R–OWOSSO

Exempt residential wind energy devices from property taxes

HB 4878 // Rep. Gary Glenn • R–MIDLAND
HB 4879 // Rep. Scott Dianda • D–CALUMET
HB 4880 // Rep. Jeff Irwin • D–ANN ARBOR
HB 4881 // Rep. Ed McBroom • R–VULCAN

Remove barriers to small-scale renewable energy generation for property owners

WATER QUALITY PROTECTION

HB 4679 & HB 5566 // Rep. Bill LaVoy • D–MONROE
HB 4694 // Rep. Jason Sheppard • D–TEMPERANCE
SB 387 // Sen. Dale Zorn • R–IDA

Protect groundwater from injection well contamination

HB 5174 // Rep. Kristy Pagan • D–CANTON
SB 1157 // Sen. Rebekah Warren • D–ANN ARBOR

Prohibit use of coal tar sealants

HB 5596 // Rep. Jon Hoadley • D–KALAMAZOO

Expand type of containers subject to bottle bill

HB 5962 // Rep. Sarah Roberts • D–ST. CLAIR SHORES

Ban of single-use plastic bags in retail stores

OIL PIPELINES AND TRANSPORT

HB 4511 // Rep. Sarah Roberts • D–ST. CLAIR SHORES
HB 4512 // Rep. Jeff Irwin • D–ANN ARBOR
HB 5413 // Rep. Tom Cochran • D–MASON

Increase state oversight of oil and gas pipelines throughout Michigan and implement minimum safety standards and inspection requirements for pipelines

HB 6069 // Rep. Jeff Irwin • D–ANN ARBOR

Ban transport of crude oil on Great Lakes and connecting waterways

Bad Bills

These harmful policies were left on the cutting room floor at the end of the 2015-2016 legislative session, and Michigan LCV will keep a watchful eye to ensure that they stay there.

HB 4540 // Rep. Kurt Heise • R–PLYMOUTH

The Pipeline Secrecy Bill exempted information about existing and proposed energy infrastructure from the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) public disclosure requirements. The bill would have established a broad and blanket exemption that covers any details related to the production, generation, transportation, transmission, or distribution of fuel or energy, including safety records and inspection logs for energy infrastructure such as pipelines. [NOTE: This bill received a vote in the House Natural Resources Committee and on the House Floor. However due to the effective engagement of Michigan LCV, legislative allies, and partner organizations, we were able to strip out the problematic pipeline secrecy language before it was voted on.]

HB 5166 // Rep. Ed McBroom • R–VULCAN

HB 5167 & 5168 // Rep. Tristan Cole • R–MANCERLONA

SB 681-683 // Sen. Darwin Booher • R–EVART

Taken together this package of bills attempted to allow large scale, commercial net pen fish farming in the Great Lakes and would have weakened existing protections on aquaculture operations. The introduction of net pen aquaculture to the Great Lakes poses a serious threat to the health of the ecosystem. Net pens have no system for collecting animal waste, which means that large quantities of untreated fish waste would be released into the Great Lakes. Excess nutrients, like phosphorus, cause the development of “dead zones” as well as nuisance and toxic algal blooms. Other sources of extreme phosphorus levels have created these problems to differing degrees in Western Lake Erie, Saginaw Bay, and Green Bay. Net pens are also ideal environments for new aquatic diseases to be introduced and spread, with the potential to seriously damage wild fisheries.

HB 5640 // Rep. Pat Somerville • R–NEW BOSTON

House Bill 5640 eliminated Michigan’s protections against invasive species transported through the ballast water of ocean-going vessels. Current Michigan law requires ships that discharge ballast water to use specified technologies to prevent the introduction of invasive species into the Great Lakes; this bill would have eliminated those hard-fought protections.

SCORECARD

THE 2015-2016 FLOOR SCORE is the combined total of all pro-conservation floor votes divided by the total number of scored votes.

THE AVERAGED COMMITTEE SCORE is the combined average of all committee scores a legislator receives.

THE COMMITTEE BUMP is calculated from the Committee Score based on the following scale:

0% - 10% = -10%
10% - 20% = -8%
20% - 30% = -6%
30% - 40% = -4%
40% - 50% = -2%
50% - 60% = 2%
60% - 70% = 4%
70% - 80% = 6%
80% - 90% = 8%
90% - 100% = 10%

THE 2015-2016 SCORE is the combined total of the Floor Score and the Committee Bump.

THE CONSERVATION MAJORITY is based on the 2015-2016 Score. A Yes is a score of 75% to 100%, a Maybe is a score of 50%-74%, and No is a score of 0% to 49%.

THE LIFETIME AVERAGE SCORE is a composite average of the legislator's final scores throughout their terms in office.



LUDINGTON STATE PARK, LUDINGTON

HOUSE FLOOR VOTES

REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT	TERM	HB 4990-4994	HB 5120	HB 5282	HB 5401	HB 5469-5478	HB 5613	HB 6066	SB 363	SB 437 (H-4)	SB 438 (H-7)	SB 507	SB 853	SB 962	FLOOR SCORE	COMMITTEE SCORE	COMMITTEE BUMP	2015-2016 SCORE	CONSERVATION MAJORITY	LIFETIME AVERAGE
Afendoulis, Chris • R-GRAND RAPIDS TWP.	73	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	46%
Banks, Brian • D-DETROIT	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	90%
Barrett, Tom • R-POTTERSVILLE	71	1	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%			23%	No	23%
Bizon, John • R-BATTLE CREEK	62	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	38%
Brinks, Winnie • D-GRAND RAPIDS	76	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	95%
Brunner, Charles • D-BAY CITY	96	3	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	85%	100%	10%	95%	Yes	76%
Bumstead, Jon • R-NEWAYGO	100	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	23%			23%	No	31%
Byrd, Wendell • D-DETROIT	3	2	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%	0%	-10%	82%	Yes	82%
Callton, Mike • R-NASHVILLE	87	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	39%
Canfield, Ed • R-SEBEWAING	84	1	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	42%
Chang, Stephanie • D-DETROIT	6	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Chatfield, Lee • R-LEVERING	107	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	31%	25%	-6%	25%	No	25%
Chirkun, John • D-ROSEVILLE	22	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	100%
Clemente, Paul • D-LINCOLN PARK	14	3	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	77%	0%	-10%	67%	Maybe	68%
Cochran, Tom • D-MASON	67	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	97%
Cole, Triston • R-MANCELONA	105	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%			23%	No	23%
Cotter, Kevin • R-MT. PLEASANT	99	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	40%
Cox, Laura • R-LIVONIA	19	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	46%
Crawford, Kathy • R-NOVI	38	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	0%	-10%	36%	No	33%
Darany, George • D-DEARBORN	15	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	94%
Dianda, Scott • D-CALUMET	110	2	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	62%	100%	10%	72%	Maybe	64%
Driskell, Gretchen • D-SALINE	52	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	92%
Durhal, Fred • D-DETROIT	5	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	93%
Faris, Pam • D-CLIO	48	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Farrington, Jeff • R-UTICA	30	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	54%	0%	-10%	44%	No	38%

KEY

- ✗ Anti-conservation vote
- ✓ Pro-conservation vote
- E Excused (neutral), not counted in total number of votes scored
- A Absent (negative), anti-conservation vote
- V Vacant
- * Legislator was elected mid-term during a special election

HB 4990-4994 • Increase and Improve Financing Options for Energy Efficiency Projects.¹

HB 5120 • Strengthen Notification For Drinking Water Lead Contamination

HB 5282 • Expand Municipal Immunity for Private Property Damage Due to Sewer Back Up

HB 5401 • Air and Water Pollution Tax Credits

HB 5469-5478 • Expand FOIA to the Governor's Office and Legislature²

HB 5613 • No Stricter than Federal

HB 6066 • Discriminatory Voter ID Requirement

SB 363 • Payments for use of Bottomlands

SB 437 (H-4) • Improve Utility Planning and Revise Net Metering Program

SB 438 (H-7) • Increase Renewable Energy Standard and Preserve Energy Efficiency Standard

SB 507 • Statewide Mandated Reports of Recyclable Materials

SB 853 • Preemptive Ban on Environmental Plastic Bag Ordinances

SB 962 • Extend Length of Agency Rule Making Process

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Forlini, Anthony • R-HARRISON TWP.	24	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	33%	-4%	42%	No	42%
Franz, Ray • R-ONEKAMA	101	3	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%	0%	-10%	13%	No	14%
Garcia, Daniela • R-HOLLAND	90	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	0%	-10%	36%	No	36%
Garrett, LaTanya • D-DETROIT	7	2	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Gay-Dagnogo, Sherry • D-DETROIT	8	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Geiss, Erika • D-TAYLOR	12	2	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%			92%	Yes	92%
Gardon, Ben • R-OWOSSO	85	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	31%			31%	No	32%
Glenn, Gary • R-MIDLAND	98	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%	25%	-6%	17%	No	17%
Goike, Ken • R-RAY TWP.	33	3	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	23%	33%	-4%	19%	No	20%
Graves, Joseph • R-LINDEN	51	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	25%	-6%	40%	No	34%
Green, Patrick • D-WARREN	28	1*	V	✓	✓	V	✓	V	✓	V	✓	✓	V	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Greig, Christine • D-FARMINGTON HILLS	37	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Greimel, Tim • D-AUBURN HILLS	29	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	92%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	97%
Guerra, Vanessa • D-SAGINAW	95	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Heise, Kurt • R-PLYMOUTH	20	3	✓	V	V	✗	✓	✗	V	✗	V	V	✓	V	V	50%			50%	Maybe	41%
Hoadley, Jon • D-KALAMAZOO	60	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Hooker, Tom • R-BYRON CENTER	77	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%			23%	No	26%
Hovey-Wright, Marcia • D-MUSKEGON	92	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%			92%	Yes	93%
Howell, Gary • R-NORTH BRANCH	82	1*	V	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	33%	0%	-10%	23%	No	23%
Howrylak, Martin • R-TROY	41	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	62%	25%	6%	68%	Maybe	59%
Hughes, Holly • R-MONTAGUE	91	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	54%			54%	Maybe	51%
Iden, Brant • R-KALAMAZOO	61	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	0%	-10%	36%	No	36%
Inman, Larry • R-WILLIAMSBURG	104	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	46%
Irwin, Jeff • D-ANN ARBOR	53	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	85%			85%	Yes	91%
Jacobsen, Bradford • R-OXFORD	46	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	38%	100%	10%	48%	No	42%

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Jenkins, Nancy • R-CLAYTON	57	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	41%
Johnson, Joel • R-CLAIRE	97	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	33%	-4%	42%	No	35%
Kelly, Tim • R-SAGINAW TWP.	94	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	23%			23%	No	27%
Kesto, Clint • R-COMMERCE TWP.	39	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	29%
Kivela, John • D-MARQUETTE	109	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	85%	67%	4%	89%	Yes	74%
Kosowski, Robert • D-WESTLAND	16	2	✓	E	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	75%			75%	Yes	83%
LaFontaine, Andrea • R-RICHMOND	32	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	50%	2%	48%	No	37%
LaGrand, David • D-GRAND RAPIDS	75	1*	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Lane, Marilyn • D-FRASER	31	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	83%
Lauwers, Dan • R-BROCKWAY TWP.	81	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	0%	-10%	36%	No	35%
LaVoy, Bill • D-MONROE	17	2	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%	0%	-10%	82%	Yes	83%
Leonard, Tom • R-DEWITT TWP.	93	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	34%
Lethueuser, Eric • R-HILLSDALE	58	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	46%
Liberati, Frank • D-ALLEN PARK	13	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%
Love, Leslie • D-DETROIT	10	1	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	100%
Lucido, Peter • R-SHELBY TWP.	36	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	46%
Lyons, Lisa Posthumus • R-ALTO	86	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	41%
Maturen, David • R-VICKSBURG	63	1	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	0%	-10%	36%	No	36%
McBroom, Ed • R-VULCAN	108	3	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	46%	34%	-4%	42%	No	38%
McCready, Mike • R-BLOOMFIELD HILLS	40	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	37%
Miller, Aaron • R-STURGIS	59	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	31%			31%	No	31%
Moss, Jeremy • D-SOUTHFIELD	35	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	100%
Muxlow, Paul • R-BROWN CITY	83	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗ ⁶	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	31%			31%	No	35%
Neeley, Sheldon • D-FLINT	34	2	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗ ⁷	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	85%	100%	10%	95%	Yes	95%
Nesbitt, Aric • R-LAWTON	66	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	38%

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Outman, Rick • R-SIX LAKES	70	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	40%
Pagan, Kristy • D-CANTON	21	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	100%
Pagel, Dave • R-BERRIEN SPRINGS	78	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	38%
Pettalia, Peter • R-PRESQUE ISLE	106	3*	✓	V	V	✗	V	✗	V	✗	V	V	✓	V	V	40%			40%	No	38%
Phelps, Phil • D-FLUSHING	49	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	92%
Plawecki, Julie • D-DEARBORN HEIGHTS	11	2*	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	100%
Plawecki, Lauren • D-DEARBORN HEIGHTS	11	1*	N/A	✓	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✗	✗	N/A	✓	✓	75%			75%	Maybe	75%
Poleski, Earl • R-JACKSON	64	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	37%
Potvin, Phil • R-CADILLAC	102	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	23%			23%	No	29%
Price, Amanda • R-PARK TWP.	89	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	31%			31%	No	37%
Pscholka, Al • R-STEVENSVILLE	79	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	41%
Rendon, Bruce • R-LAKE CITY	103	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	17%	-8%	38%	No	34%
Roberts, Brett • R-CHARLOTTE	65	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	54%	0%	-10%	44%	No	44%
Roberts, Sarah • D-ST. CLAIR SHORES	18	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	85%			85%	Yes	89%
Robinson, Rose Mary • D-DETROIT	4	2	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	A	A	✗	✓	✓	67%	100%	10%	77%	Yes	84%
Runestad, Jim • R-WHITE LAKE	44	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	31%			31%	No	31%
Rutledge, David • D-YPSILANTI	54	3	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	85%	100%	10%	95%	Yes	93%
Santana, Harvey • D-DETROIT	9	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	77%			77%	Yes	80%
Schor, Andy • D-LANSING	68	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	92%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	100%
Sheppard, Jason • R-LAMBERTVILLE	56	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	46%
Singh, Sam • D-EAST LANSING	69	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	94%
Smiley, Charles • D-BURTON	50	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%	33%	-4%	88%	Yes	86%
Somerville, Pat • R-NEW BOSTON	23	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%	34%	-4%	19%	No	20%
Tinsley-Talabi, Alberta • D-DETROIT	2	3	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	91%
Tedder, Jim • R-CLARKSTON	43	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	38%

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Theis, Lana • R-BRIGHTON	42	1	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%	75%	6%	29%	No	29%
Townsend, Jim • D-ROYAL OAK	26	3	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	96%
Vaupel, Hank • R-FOWLERVILLE	47	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	46%
VerHeulen, Rob • R-WALKER	74	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	47%
Victory, Roger • R-HUDSONVILLE	88	2	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	54%			54%	Maybe	37%
Webber, Mike • R-ROCHESTER	45	2	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	46%	50%	2%	48%	No	48%
Whiteford, Mary • R-CASCO TWP.	80	1*	V	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	42%	33%	-4%	38%	No	38%
Wittenberg, Robert • D-OAK PARK	27	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	85%			85%	Yes	85%
Yanez, Henry • D-STERLING HEIGHTS	25	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	87%
Yonker, Ken • R-CALEDONIA	72	3	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	31%
Zemke, Adam • D-ANN ARBOR	55	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	100%

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 2. Bill package was tiebarred therefore Michigan LCV considered a "NO" vote on any single bill a "NO" vote on the entire bill package.
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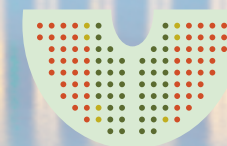
HOUSE Conservation Majority Based on Score

YES = 45

MAYBE = 7

NO = 59

TOTAL = 111†



HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	SB 363 VOTE	SB 507 VOTE	SB 591 VOTE
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Bruce Rendon • R	33%	X	✓	X
Ken Goike • R	33%	X	✓	X
Joel Johnson • R	33%	X	✓	X
Ed McBroom • R	33%	X	✓	X
Anthony Forlini • R	33%	X	✓	X
Mary Whiteford • R	33%	X	✓	X
Charles Smiley • D	33%	X	✓	X
Julie Plawecki • D	100%	✓	✓	Pass
John Kivela • D	67%	✓	✓	X



COMMITTEE ON REGULATORY REFORM

HB 5613: No Stricter than Federal **STATUS:** Passed the House, stalled in the Senate

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	HB 5613 VOTE
Ray Franz • R	0%	X
Brett Roberts • R	0%	X
Ken Yonker • R	0%	X
Klint Kesto • R	0%	X
Dan Lauwers • R	0%	X
Kathy Crawford • R	0%	X
Daniela Garcia • R	0%	X
Brandt Iden • R	0%	X
Gary Howell • R	0%	X
Scott Dianda • D	100%	✓
George Darany • D	100%	✓
Marilyn Lane • D	100%	✓
Andy Schor • D	100%	✓
John Chirkun • D	100%	✓
Jeremy Moss • D	100%	✓

KEY

X Anti-conservation vote

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Pass: Pro-conservation vote

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- 60% - 70% = 4%
- 70% - 80% = 6%
- 80% - 90% = 8%
- 90% - 100% = 10%



HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES

COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY

HB 5401: Air and Water Pollution Tax Credits **STATUS:** Passed the House, stalled in the Senate

HB 5558: Tax Credits for AK Steel **STATUS:** Passed House Committee, stalled on the House floor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	HB 5401 VOTE	HB 5558 VOTE
Jeff Farrington • R	0%	✗	✗
David Maturen • R	0%	✗	✗
Pat Somerville • R	50%	✗	✓
Ken Yonker • R	0%	✗	✗
Martin Howrylak • R	100%	Pass	✓
Lee Chatfield • R	50%	✗	✓
Gary Glenn • R	50%	✗	✓
Brandt Iden • R	0%	✗	✗
Michael Webber • R	0%	✗	✗
Jim Townsend • D	100%	✓	✓
Paul Clemente • D	0%	✗	✗
Bill LaVoy • D	0%	✗	✗
Wendell Byrd • D	0%	✗	✗



COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND TRADE

SB 853: Preemptive Ban On Environmental Plastic Bag Ordinance

STATUS: Signed by the Lieutenant Governor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	SB 853 VOTE
Tom Barrett • R	0%	✗
Gary Glenn • R	0%	✗
Daniela Garcia • R	0%	✗
Joseph Graves • R	0%	✗
Holly Hughes • R	0%	✗
Nancy Jenkins • R	0%	✗
Joel Johnson • R	0%	✗
Eric Lethueuser • R	0%	✗
Bruce Rendon • R	0%	✗
Pat Somerville • R	0%	✗
Jason Sheppard • R	0%	✗
Andy Schor • D	100%	✓
Jim Townsend • D	100%	✓
Jeremy Moss • D	100%	✓
Leslie Love • D	100%	✓
Wendell Byrd • D	100%	✓

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HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HB 5282: Expand Municipal Immunity for Private Property Damage
Due to Sewer Back Up **STATUS:** Passed the House, stalled in the Senate

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	HB 5282 VOTE
Lee Chatfield • R	0%	X
Amanda Price • R	100%	Pass
Kurt Heise • R	0%	X
Jim Runestad • R	0%	X
David Maturen • R	0%	X
Jason Sheppard • R	0%	X
Lana Theis • R	100%	Pass
Henry Vaupel • R	0%	Absent
Jeremy Moss • D	100%	Pass
Charles Brunner • D	100%	Pass
David Rutledge • D	100%	Pass
Sheldon Neeley • D	100%	✓

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

HB 5120: Strengthen Notification For Drinking Water Lead Contamination
STATUS: Signed by the Governor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	HB 5120 VOTE
Bradford Jacobsen • R	100%	✓
Andrea LaFontaine • R	100%	✓
Michael Webber • R	100%	✓
Sam Singh • D	100%	✓
Tim Greimel • D	100%	✓

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND ETHICS

HB 5469-5478: Expand FOIA to the Governor's Office **STATUS:** Passed the House, stalled in the Senate

SB 962: Weaken Agency Rule Development Authority **STATUS:** Signed by the Governor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	HB 5469-78 VOTE	SB 962 VOTE
Ed McBroom • R	50%	✓	X
Martin Howrylak • R	50%	✓	X
Joseph Graves • R	50%	✓	X
Lana Theis • R	50%	✓	X
Rose Mary Robinson • D	100%	✓	✓
Kristy Pagan • D	100%	✓	✓



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SENATE FLOOR VOTES

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Ananich, Jim • D-FLINT	1	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	89%
Bieda, Steven M • D-WARREN	2	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	50%	2%	100%	Yes	99%
Booher, Darwin L • R-EVART	2	35	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	36%
Brandenburg, Jack • R-HARRISON TWP.	2	8	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	36%
Casperson, Tom • R-ESCANABA	2	38	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%	17%	-8%	15%	No	22%
Conyers, Ian • D-DETROIT	1*	4	V	✓	V	V	V	✓	✓	V	V	V	V	V	✗	75%			75%	Yes	75%
Colbeck, Patrick • R-CANTON	2	7	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	38%			38%	No	37%
Emmons, Judy • R-SHERIDAN	2	33	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%			23%	No	30%
Green, Mike • R-MAYVILLE	2	31	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	35%
Gregory, Vincent • D-SOUTHFIELD	2	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	92%			92%	Yes	94%
Hansen, Goeff • R-HART	2	34	E	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	33%	100%	10%	43%	No	42%
Hertel Jr, Curtis • D-LANSING	1	23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	92%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	100%
Hildenbrand, Dave • R-LOWELL	2	29	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	35%
Hood, Morris W III • D-DETROIT	2	3	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	99%
Hopgood, Hoon-Yung • D-TAYLOR	2	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	98%
Horn, Ken • R-FRANKENMUTH	1	32	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓ ⁴	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	28%
Hune, Joe • R-HAMBURG	2	22	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	46%	0%	-10%	36%	No	32%
Johnson, Bert • D-HIGHLAND PARK	2	2	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	95%
Jones, Rick • R-GRAND LEDGE	2	24	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	62%			62%	Maybe	49%
Knezek, David • D-DEARBORN HEIGHTS	1	5	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ ⁵	✓	✗	83%	100%	10%	93%	Yes	92%
Knollenberg, Marty • R-TROY	1	13	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	38%
Kowall, Mike • R-WHITE LAKE	2	15	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	50%	2%	40%	No	38%
MacGregor, Peter • R-ROCKFORD	1	28	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	32%
Marleau, Jim • R-LAKE ORION	2	12	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%			38%	No	37%
Meekhof, Arlan • R-GRAND HAVEN	2	30	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	100%	10%	48%	No	37%

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Nofs, Mike • R-BATTLE CREEK	2	19	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	31%
O'Brien, Margaret • R-KALAMAZOO	1	20	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	46%			46%	No	46%
Pavlov, Phil • R-ST. CLAIR	2	25	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	23%	33%	-4%	19%	No	22%
Proos, John • R-ST. JOSEPH	2	21	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	32%
Robertson, David • R-GRAND BLANC	2	14	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	25%	-6%	32%	No	27%
Rocca, Tory • R-STERLING HEIGHTS	2	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	92%			92%	Yes	73%
Schmidt, Wayne • R-TRAVERSE CITY	1	37	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	34%
Schuitmaker, Tonya • R-LAWTON	2	26	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	27%
Shirkey, Mike • R-CLARK LAKE	1	16	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	31%	0%	-10%	21%	No	25%
Stamas, Jim • R-MIDLAND	1	36	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	17%	-6%	32%	No	32%
Warren, Rebekah • D-ANN ARBOR	2	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%	10%	100%	Yes	100%
Young, Coleman II • D-DETROIT	2	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			100%	Yes	95%
Zorn, Dale • R-IDA	1	17	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%	0%	-10%	28%	No	31%

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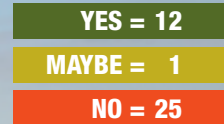
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FOOTNOTES

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4. Senator Indicated in Senate Journal that although he was a "NO" vote on SB 853, he meant to vote "YES" and was a co-sponsor on the bill. Michigan LCV scored the "NO" vote as reflected in the legislative journal.
5. Senator Indicated in conversation after session that although he was a "YES" vote on SB 853, he meant to vote "NO" on the bill. Michigan LCV scored the "YES" vote as reflected in the legislative journal.



SENATE Conservation Majority Based on Score



TOTAL = 38



SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

SB 437 (S-4): Revise Utility Planning and Gut Retail Net Metering Program
STATUS: Revised and improved version of the bill signed by the Governor

SB 438 (S-4): Repeal of Renewable Energy Standard and Energy Efficiency Standard
STATUS: Revised and improved version of the bill signed by the Governor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	SB 437 VOTE	SB 438 VOTE
Mike Nofs • R	0%	X	X
John Proos • R	0%	X	X
Dale Zorn • R	0%	X	X
Ken Horn • R	0%	X	X
Joe Hune • R	0%	X	X
Tonya Schuitmaker • R	0%	X	X
David Knezek • D	100%	Pass	Pass
Hoon-Yung Hopgood • D	100%	Pass	Pass
Steven M Bieda • D	100%	Pass	Pass

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 363: Payments for use of Bottomlands **STATUS:** Vetoed by Governor

SB 507: Statewide Mandated Reports of Recyclable Materials **STATUS:** Signed by the Governor

SB 591: Weaker Protections for Small Native Copper Mines **STATUS:** Passed the Senate, stalled in the House

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	SB 363 VOTE	SB 507 VOTE	SB 591 VOTE
Thomas Casperson • R	33%	X	✓	X
Phil Pavlov • R	33%	X	✓	X
David Robertson • R	33%	X	✓	X
Jim Stamas • R	33%	X	✓	X
Rebekah Warren • D	100%	✓	✓	✓

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

SB 962: Weaken Agency Rule Development Authority
STATUS: Passed both Houses, signed by the Governor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	SB 962 VOTE
Peter MacGregor • R	0%	X
Jim Stamas • R	0%	X
Mike Kowall • R	0%	X
Tonya Schuitmaker • R	N/A	Excused
Vincent Gregory • D	N/A	Excused

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SB 1163: MEGA Tax Credits for AK Steel
STATUS: Passed the Senate, stalled in the House

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	SB 1163 VOTE
Tom Casperson • R	0%	X
David Robertson • R	0%	X
John Proos • R	0%	X
Marty Knollenberg • R	0%	Absent
Rebekah Warren • D	100%	✓
Steve Bieda • D	0%	Absent

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SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES



COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SB 853: Preemptive Ban on Environmental Plastic Bag Ordinances

STATUS: Signed by Lieutenant Governor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	SB 853 VOTE
Wayne Schmidt • R	0%	✗
Mike Kowall • R	0%	✗
Peter MacGregor • R	0%	✗
Margaret O'Brien • R	0%	✗
Curtis Hertel Jr. • D	100%	✓

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

SB 638: Codification of Citizens United

STATUS: Passed the Senate, stalled in the House

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	SB 638 VOTE
David Roberston • R	0%	✗
Judy Emmons • R	0%	✗
Mike Shirkey • R	0%	✗
Patrick Colbeck • R	0%	✗
Morris W. Hood III • D	100%	✓

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

HB 5120: Strengthen Notification for Drinking Water Lead Notification

STATUS: Signed by the Governor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	SCORE	HB 5120 VOTE
Arlan Meekhof • R	100%	✓
Geoff Hansen • R	100%	✓
Mike Kowall • R	100%	✓
Jim Ananich • D	100%	✓
Morris W. Hood III • D	100%	✓

KEY

✗ Anti-conservation vote

✓ Pro-conservation vote

Excused: Neutral, not counted in total number of votes scored

Absent: Negative, anti-conservation vote

Pass: Pro-conservation vote

A NOTE ABOUT COMMITTEE SCORES

The Committee Score is the combined total of all pro-conservation committee votes divided by the total number of scored votes in that committee.

The Averaged Committee Score is the combined average of all committee scores a legislator receives.

The Committee Bump is calculated from the Averaged Committee Score based on the following scale:

- 0% - 10% = -10%
- 10% - 20% = -8%
- 20% - 30% = -6%
- 30% - 40% = -4%
- 40% - 50% = -2%
- 50% - 60% = 2%
- 60% - 70% = 4%
- 70% - 80% = 6%
- 80% - 90% = 8%
- 90% - 100% = 10%

BILL SUMMARIES

HB 4990–4994

Increase and Improve Financing Options for Energy Efficiency Projects

Collectively, these bills would allow local governments to better facilitate energy efficiency by authorizing an additional financing method for energy conservation projects, increasing the financing period from 10 years to 20 years, and expanding the types of projects that qualify. Changes made in these bills will allow local governments to undertake needed energy efficiency projects without incurring substantial long-term debt.

CURRENT STATUS

Signed by the Governor. Now state law—Public Acts 119-123 (2016).

HB 5120

Strengthen Notification For Drinking Water Lead Contamination

House Bill 5120 strengthens and improves notification requirements when elevated lead levels are found in drinking water by shortening the notification timeline. Public water supply systems would be required to notify customers within 3 days of discovering that lead levels are above the federal action level. Notification is already required under current law, but the 3 day requirement is new.

CURRENT STATUS

Signed by the Governor. Now state law—Public Act 478 (2016).

HB 5282

Expand Municipal Immunity for Private Property Damage Due to Sewer Back Up

House Bill 5282 would expand government immunity from tort liability for flooding events that backup sewage disposal systems and cause property damage. The bill would change the rainfall event threshold, so that a local government would have immunity for a storm that typically occurs as often as every five years. In effect, the bill would allow governments to flood private property with raw sewage every five years and not be held liable for the damage. Instead of seeking absolute immunity, local governments and the legislature should ensure that sanitary sewer systems are upgraded and maintained to accommodate the need and to withstand higher rainfall events.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the House; referred to Senate Local Government Committee. Stalled in the Senate.

HB 5401

Air and Water Pollution Tax Credits

House Bill 5401 makes changes to the Pollution Control Tax Credit Program (PCTC), which is a program that exempts equipment used at fossil fuel power plants to reduce air and water pollution from sales, use, and property taxes. This bill would reduce environmental oversight of the tax credit program by eliminating the current requirement that authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to determine if a utility expenditure qualifies for the tax credit under the program criteria. Authority over that determination would shift to an engineer employed by the utility.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the House; referred to Senate Finance Committee. Stalled in the Senate.

HB 5469-5978

Expand FOIA to the Governor's Office and Legislature

House Bills 5469-5478 would expand the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the Governor's office and create the Legislative Open Records Act (LORA), which would include the Legislature in Michigan's open record laws. Michigan's current FOIA laws are outdated and insufficient. Michigan is one of only two states that exempt the Governor's office from open record laws. This bill package would increase transparency and accountability in the executive and legislative branches.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the House; referred to Senate Government Operations Committee. Stalled in the Senate.



WILDERNESS STATE PARK, CARP LAKE

BILL SUMMARIES

HB 5558

Tax Credits for AK Steel

Under House Bill 5558 if a company has unclaimed Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credits when another company merged with it, the new, merged company would be able to claim those tax credits. In the near term, these bills would allow AK Steel to assume approximately \$50 million in phased out MEGA credits for its Dearborn Works plant that were originally allocated to the previous plant owner, OAO Severstal. However, the AK Steel facility in Dearborn is chronically in violation of air quality standards to the detriment of the health of the surrounding communities. At a minimum, companies should demonstrate full compliance with all air quality and environmental standards as a condition of accessing tax credits.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed House Tax Policy Committee. Stalled in the House.

HB 5613

No Stricter than Federal

House Bill 5613 would prohibit state agencies from adopting or creating rules that are stricter than federal standards. Under the bill, a more stringent state rule would be permitted to address emergencies or if the state agency determines there is a “clear and convincing need” to exceed the federal standard.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the House; referred to Senate Government Operations Committee. Stalled in the Senate.

HB 6066

Discriminatory Voter ID Requirement

House Bill 6066 would require that Michigan residents show a photo ID before they can vote and it would waive fees for those who cannot afford to get birth certificates and state identifications for voting. The legislation would likely cost Michigan taxpayers millions to implement and would result in the needless disenfranchisement of eligible Michigan voters.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the House; referred to Senate Elections and Government Reform Committee. Stalled in the Senate.

SB 39

Restrictions on State Land Use and Management

Senate Bill 39 (S-3) would overhaul the Department of Natural Resource’s (DNR) current procedure of managing public lands in Michigan. This bill would put in place new restrictions on the DNR’s ability to acquire public land throughout Michigan and manage existing land to protect or enhance biological diversity and ecosystem health. The bill guts the science-based definition of conservation of biological diversity and eliminates the DNR’s requirement to manage tree plantations in accordance with established sustainable forestry principles. In addition, the bill would open up millions of acres of Michigan public lands to sale and make it easier for private entities to force the DNR to sell off public lands.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the Senate; referred to House Natural Resources Committee. Stalled in the House Committee.

SB 40

Expansion of use for Land Exchange Facilitation Fund

Senate Bill 40 would expand the uses of the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund to include the costs of surveys and environmental assessments incurred by the DNR in land transactions, the costs of natural resource management and public recreation activities, and the payment of special assessments levied on land owned by the DNR. Current law allows the Fund to be used only to purchase land with natural resource or recreational value.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the Senate; referred to House Natural Resources Committee. Stalled in the House Committee.

SB 363

Payments for use of Bottomlands

Senate Bill 363 would limit the amount that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) could charge a property owner to lease a Great Lakes bottomland breakwater to \$10 per year, if the property owner did not use the harbor for commercial purposes. The bill would also require the DEQ to waive the annual charge if the property owner allowed public use of the harbor during storms. Reducing the lease charge to \$10 or eliminating it all together would encourage breakwater construction. It would also remove the DEQ’s ability to protect the public trust by setting a lease price that takes into account the impact a breakwater could have on property value and on the aquatic ecosystem.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed by the House and Senate. Vetoed by the Governor.



BILL SUMMARIES

SB 437 (H-4)

Improve Utility Planning and Revise Net Metering Program

Senate Bill 437 (H-4) creates a revised Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process to guide more robust utility planning that can balance meeting future energy needs with both new generation and demand reduction options. The bill also revises Michigan's retail net metering program to direct the Michigan Public Service Commission to conduct a study of the program and establish a new tariff for net metering customers.

CURRENT STATUS

Signed by the Governor. Now state law—Public Act 341 (2016).

SB 437 (S-4)

Revise Utility Planning and Gut Retail Net Metering Program

Senate Bill 437 (S-4) creates a revised Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process to guide more robust utility planning that can balance meeting future energy needs with both new generation and demand reduction options. But the bill also would have gut Michigan's residential solar program by substantially reducing compensation for customers who sell energy back to the grid from the retail rate to the wholesale rate. This change would have made residential solar cost prohibitive and would likely drive solar companies in Michigan out of business.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed Senate Energy and Technology Committee. Changes were made to bill package on Senate Floor that moved us to support and score the concurred bill package, SB 437 (H-4).

SB 438 (H-7)

Increase Renewable Energy Standard and Preserve Energy Efficiency Standard

Senate Bill 438 (H-7) increases Michigan's renewable portfolio standard (RPS) to 15 percent by 2021. Additionally, the bill maintain Michigan's current 1 percent energy efficiency standard through 2021 and establishes incentives to encourage utilities to go beyond 1 percent efficiency annually.

CURRENT STATUS

Signed by the Governor. Now state law—Public Act 342 (2016).

SB 438 (S-4)

Repeal of Renewable Energy Standard and Energy Efficiency Standard

Senate Bill 438 (S-4) would repeal Michigan's successful 10% renewable portfolio standard and phase out Michigan's annual 1% energy efficiency standard by 2019.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed Senate Energy and Technology Committee. Changes were made to bill package on Senate Floor that moved us to support and score the concurred bill package, SB 438 (H-7).

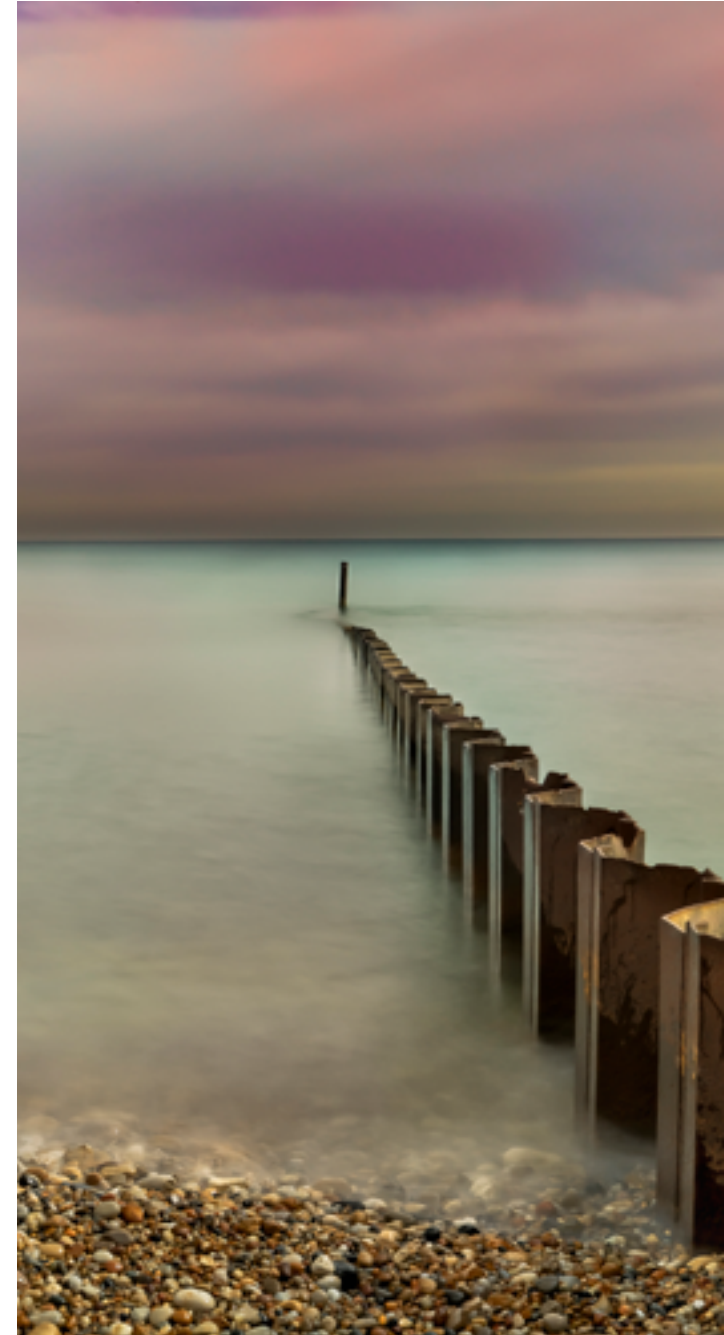
SB 507

Statewide Mandated Reports of Recyclable Materials

Senate Bill 507 would require that a recycling establishment annually register with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and report the amount of each category of material that was recycled in a calendar year. Currently, Michigan lacks reliable data on recycling trends and volumes. To fill this gap Michigan needs this new system to ensure the collection of accurate information on current and expected recycling patterns and participation.

CURRENT STATUS

Signed by the Governor. Now state law—Public Act 55 (2016).



BILL SUMMARIES

SB 591

Regulate Small Native Copper Mines Separately

Senate Bill 591 would establish a separate permitting process for small native copper mines that lacked critical environmental protections. Specifically, the bill eliminates the requirement that copper mines conduct a comprehensive environmental impact assessment and removes the requirement for public hearings or a public comment period in the new permitting process. Additionally, small native copper mines would no longer need to develop a comprehensive environmental protection plan.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed both the House and the Senate. Concurred bill returned to Senate; House made changes and sent a substitute back to the Senate. Changes were never concurred, no further action was taken.

SB 638

Codification of Citizens United

Senate Bill 638 would amend Michigan's Campaign Finance Act to write the US Supreme Court's Citizen's United decision into Michigan state law. The bill would allow unrestricted independent political spending by outside groups in Michigan state elections. The bill also would allow Super PACs to get involved in state referendums and ballot initiatives by expanding existing campaign finance loopholes in Michigan.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the Senate; referred to House Elections Committee. Stalled in the House.

SB 853

Preemptive Ban on Environmental Plastic Bag Ordinances

Senate Bill 853 would eliminate the authority of local governments to adopt or enforce ordinances that restrict, ban, or impose a usage fee on plastic bags and other disposable containers. Because plastic bags cannot be recycled in curbside recycling bins and are not biodegradable, they pose serious environmental and economic challenges. Many wind up in landfills or are washed away into area waterways, where they never fully biodegrade and negatively impact aquatic life. Additionally, local governments often must expend scarce resources cleaning up plastic bag litter. Local ordinances that restrict disposable plastic container use are an important tool to address these challenges and encourage the transition to reusable bags and containers.

CURRENT STATUS

Signed by the Governor. Now state law—Public Act 389 (2016).

SB 962

Extend Length of Agency Rule Making Process

Senate Bill 962 proposes several changes to the process by which administrative rules are created. Under the legislation, if a member of the Legislature introduces a bill enacting the subject of the rules, the Office of Performance and Transformation (OPT) would be prohibited from filing the rule with the Secretary of State until 9 months after the date the legislation was introduced. Rule-making in Michigan currently takes an average of 500 days; this provision therefore would enact an unnecessary additional delay on an already lengthy process and undermine the ability of state agencies to fulfill their regulatory duties.

CURRENT STATUS

Signed by the Governor. Now state law—Public Act 513 (2016).

SB 1163

MEGA Tax Credits for AK Steel

Under Senate Bill 1163 if a company has unclaimed Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credits when another company merged with it, the new, merged company would be able to claim those tax credits. In the near term, these bills would allow AK Steel to assume approximately \$50 million in phased out MEGA credits for its Dearborn Works plant that were originally allocated to the previous plant owner, OAO Severstal. However, the AK Steel facility in Dearborn is chronically in violation of air quality standards to the detriment of the health of the surrounding communities. At a minimum, companies should demonstrate full compliance with all air quality and environmental standards as a condition of accessing tax credits.

CURRENT STATUS

Passed the Senate; referred to House Tax Policy Committee. Stalled in the House.





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