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Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood
Members excused: None

Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day:

- Approval of the Minutes
- SB 218 (Sen. Hansen) Economic development; tax increment financing; sunset on water resource improvement tax increment finance authority; remove, and allow dredging.
- SB 243 (Sen. Booher) Natural resources; funding; funds for dredging and breakwalls; establish.
- SB 252 (Sen. Brandenburg) Watercraft; marinas; marina dredging loan origination program; establish.

Senator Young moved to adopt the committee minutes from March 7, 2013 by unanimous consent. Without any objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 218 (Sen. Hansen). Senator Hansen explained the bill to committee members and answered questions. Senator Hansen offered and explained his amendment to the bill.

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 218:

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Bret Marr, Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support

Senator Hansen directed members attention to a letter submitted by Dr. Roseman, representing Pentwater's Harbor Research Committee, supporting Senate Bill 218.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to adopt the Hansen Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 218. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 218 as amended as a clean substitute be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then 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: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 218 as amended as a clean substitute be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 252 (Sen. Brandenburg). Senator Hansen announced that there was a substitute before the committee for consideration. Senator Brandenburg explained the bill and substitute to committee members and answered questions.

The following person testified on Senate Bill 252 and answered questions from committee members:

- Dave Worthams, MI Bankers Association—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 252:

- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources—Neutral
- Paul Connors, Department of Treasury—Neutral
- Eric Ventimiglia, from the office of Representative Andrea LaFontaine—Support S-3 version
- Bret Marr, Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support

Senator Hansen directed members attention to a letter submitted by Dr. Roseman, representing Pentwater's Harbor Research Committee, supporting Senate Bill 252.

Senator Moolenaar moved that the S-3 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 252. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Hildenbrand moved that Senate Bill 252 (S-3) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then 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: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Hopgood moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 252 (S-3). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 243 (Sen. Booher). Senator Hansen announced that there was a substitute before the committee for consideration. Senator Booher and his staff, Kara Butters, explained the bill and substitute to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 243 and answered questions from committee members:

- Trevor VanDyke and Ron Olsen, Department of Natural Resources—have concerns

The following person submitted a card, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 243:

- Bret Marr, Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support

Senator Hansen directed members attention to a letter submitted by Dr. Roseman, representing Pentwater's Harbor Research Committee, supporting Senate Bill 243.

Senator Hansen directed members attention to a letter submitted by Chuck May, Chair Pro Tem, Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition, supporting legislation to provide added funding for harbor dredging.

Senator Meekhof moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 243. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: Senators Young, Hopgood (2/7)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved that Senate Bill 243 (S-1) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then 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: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: Senators Young, Hopgood (2/7)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Moolenaar moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 243 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee without objection at 3:49 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 14, 2013

**An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.