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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:30 a.m. Room 352, Capitol Building

The House Committee on Ways And Means was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Brandt Iden.

Members present: Representatives Iden, Lilly, Leutheuser, Griffin, Hauck, Kahle, Wentworth, Warren, Byrd, Neeley, and Hertel.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt the minutes from the Tuesday, May 14, 2019 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Warren moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, May 15, 2019 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee HBs 4069, and 4465:

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| HB 4069 (Kahle) | Property tax; assessments; placement of solar panels on residential real property; exclude from assessment of true cash value. |
| HB 4465 (Rabhi) | Property tax; exemptions; alternative energy personal property; modify exemption. |

Representative Rabhi, and Representative Kahle, introduced the bills to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Charlotte Jameson, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

Steve Murphy, representing Power Home Solar.

Amy Heart, representing The Alliance For Solar Choice.

Laura Sherman, representing the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council.

Ed Rivet, representing the Michigan Conservative Energy Forum.

Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Thomas Gilpin, representing the Michigan Sierra Club.

The Chair laid before the committee HBs 4181, 4198, and 4199:

- HB 4181 (Manoogian) Traffic control; violations; penalties for operating a vehicle while sending or receiving a message on an electronic wireless device; enhance.
- HB 4198 (Cole) Traffic control; violations; prohibition of electronic communication while operating a motor vehicle; expand, and prohibit use of a cellular telephone by a minor while operating a motor vehicle.
- HB 4199 (Sheppard) Traffic control; violations; Traffic control; violations; Traffic control; violations; penalties for operating a vehicle while sending, receiving, or reading a message on a wireless device; increase.

Representative Cole, Representative Sheppard, and Representative Manoogian, introduced the bills to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Matt Penniman, representing the League of Michigan Bicyclists, testified in support of the bills.

James Asher, representing The People of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4181, but did not wish to speak.

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

- Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.
First Lieutenant Tim Fitzgerald, representing the Michigan State Police.
Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen.

Kimberly Buddin and Mark Fancher, representing ACLU of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:06 a.m.

Representative Brandt Iden, Chair

Eddie Sleeper
Committee Clerk
May 16, 2019
36 minutes

Date Approved and Signed