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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ENERGY

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Energy was called to order by Chairman Bellino.

Members present: Reps. Bellino, Wendzel, Alexander, Frederick, Lower, Filler, Markkanen, Mueller, O'Malley, Lasinski, Sneller, Tyrone Carter, Haadsma, Kupper, Manoogian, Shannon.
Members absent/excused: Rep. Schroeder.

Representative Manoogian moved to adopt the minutes of June 5, 2019. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Markkanen moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Bellino laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4477 (Rep. Steven Johnson) Public utilities; electric utilities; establishment of microgrids; provide for.

Representative S. Johnson and Representative Rabhi testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Marco Bruzzano, representing DTE Energy and Cathy Wilson, representing Consumers Energy, testified together in opposition to the bills.

Major General Retired, Gregory Vadnais, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Cory Connolly, representing the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council, and John Hodge, representing Black and Veatch, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Karyn Ferrick, representing the City of Grand Rapids, and Jack Johnson, representing the Grand Rapids Fire Department, testified together in support of the bill.

Ed Rivet, representing the Michigan Conservative Energy Forum, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

John Freeman, representing the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, testified in support of the bill.

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

Steve Murphy, representing Power Home Solar.
Charlotte Jameson, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.
Thomas Vine, representing Viking Energy of Lincoln and McBain.
Thomas Gilpin, representing the Michigan Sierra Club.
Ethan Jodain, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.
Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.
Anne Kelly, representing the Ceres/Bicep Network.
Cami Pendell, representing ABATE.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Tanya Paslawski, representing the Michigan Electric and Gas Association.
Mike O'Brien, representing Indiana Michigan Power.
Jason Geer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.
Katie Abraham, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Bellino adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:22 a.m.

Representative Joseph Bellino, Chair_____

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