



MEMORANDUM

To: Steve Smigelski

From: Matt Solak

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Re: MAAE Monthly Legislative Report

Legislative Leadership and Committee Announcements

Legislative Leadership

Both Caucuses held their informal leadership races shortly after the November election. The 2023-2024 leadership teams were officially elected the first week of the new legislative session in January. are as follows:

House Democratic Leadership Team

House Speaker—Joe Tate (D-Detroit)
Speaker Pro Tempore—Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia)
Majority Floor Leader—Abraham Aiyash (D-Hamtramck)
Appropriations Chair—Angela Witwer (D-Delta Township)

House Republican Leadership Team

Minority Leader—Matt Hall (R-Comstock Township)
Minority Floor Leader—Bryan Posthumus (R-Cannon Township)

Senate Democratic Leadership Team

Majority Leader—Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids)
Majority Floor Leader—Sam Singh (D-East Lansing)
Appropriations Chair—Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing)

Senate Republican Leadership Team

Minority Leader—Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton)

Minority Floor Leader—Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway)

Committee Chairs

will be named in early December. As previously reported, Democrats will control the Michigan Senate with a 20-18 majority and the Democrats will control the Michigan House with a 56-54 majority.

Key Committees

Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Committee

Erika Geiss (D-Taylor); Chair

Veronica Klinefelt (D-Eastpointe); Majority Vice Chair

Paul Wojno (D-Warren)

Kevin Hertel (D-St. Clair Shores)

Darrin Camilleri (D-Trenton)

Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit)

Sean McCann (D-Kalamazoo)

Joseph Bellino (R-Monroe); Minority Vice Chair

Roger Victory (R-Hudsonville)

Jon Bumstead (R-North Muskegon)

Edward McBroom (R-Waucesha Township)

Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee

Veronica Klinefelt (D-Eastpointe); Chair

Kevin Hertel (D-St. Clair Shores); Majority Vice Chair

Sean McCann (D-Kalamazoo)

Darrin Camilleri (D-Trenton)

John Damoose (R-Harbor Springs); Minority Vice Chair

Jon Bumstead (R-North Muskegon)

House Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure Committee

Nate Shannon (D-Sterling Heights); Chair

Sharon MacDonell (D-Troy); Majority Vice Chair

Kevin Coleman (D-Westland)

Jennifer Conlin (D-Ann Arbor Charter Township)

Alabas Farhat (D-Dearborn)

John Fitzgerald (D-Wyoming)

Jason Hoskins (D-Southfield)

Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Township)
Pat Outman (R-Six Lakes); Minority Vice Chair
John R. Roth (R-Interlochen)
William Bruck (R-Erie)
Tom Kunse (R-Clare)
Alicia St. Germaine (R-Harrison Township)

House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee

Ranjeev Puri (D-Canton); Chair
Jason Morgan (D-Ann Arbor); Majority Vice Chair
Rep. Rachel Hood (D-Grand Rapids)
Rep. Samantha Steckloff (D-Farmington Hills)
Rep. Phil Skaggs (D-East Grand Rapids)
Donni Steele (R-Orion Township); Minority Vice Chair
Rep. Ken Borton (R-Gaylord)

SB 22 Airport Firearm Changes

Senator John Damoose has reintroduced his legislation (SB 22) which updates the federal statute referenced in the state's airport sterile area statute.

The Representative introduced the legislation in response to Jim Linderman, Emmet County Prosecutor, expressing the need to update the statute reference because he is unable to prosecute individuals who are found to be carrying firearms in airport sterile areas, airport sterile areas being the parts of airports beyond the pre-boarding security screening area.

Senator Damoose introduced this legislation in the House last session but it did not receive a vote in the House due to lack of session days. The MAAE supported the legislation last session and will advocate for quick adoption this session.

Outstanding Issues from Previous Session

Changes to the Aeronautics Code

Last session, Representative Jeff Yaroch introduced legislation making certain changes to the State Aeronautics Code. The primary purpose of the legislation is to require the Aeronautics Department to regulate activities of certain organizations operating at private use airports.

The suggested changes stem from Representative Yaroch having issues with a non-profit skydiving club operation on a private airstrip in his district. He has received numerous constituent complaints and has been looking for ways to regulate operations.

State Aeronautics had some concerns with certain changes being proposed by Rep. Yaroch. With Rep. Yaroch now being out of the legislature and change of control from Republicans to

Democrats this legislation will likely see language changes. MAAE will work with State Aeronautics on the development of any legislation and monitor what comes out of the process.

Potential Tax Policy Changes and SAF Funding Changes

The MAAE legislative committee has begun to discuss potential tax policy changes and updates to SAF funding streams.

Peer-to-peer Carsharing Legislation

Last session, there was action on bipartisan legislation to regulate peer-to-peer carsharing service companies in Michigan. Enterprise Holdings and the MAAE testified in support of the legislation while Turo testified opposed to the legislation.

The legislation passed out of the Committee favorably by a vote of 11-0-4 but never received a full vote on the House Floor.

This legislation will be reintroduced at some point in 2023.