

HB 4286 is the House version of the School Aid budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it increases per pupil funding by 5%, provides funding for free breakfast and lunch, and provides \$300 million for the MI Kids Back on Track program which helps students who are struggling with reading, math, and other subjects post-pandemic. This budget also includes increased funding for special education and economic disadvantaged students, \$300 million for mental health services, and \$318 million in school safety investments. **HB 4286** passed 56-52.

HB 4287 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it includes an \$18.9 million increase in funding for child development services, expansion of the TEACH scholarship, and a \$72 million will be used to provide childcare subsidies for eligible families. **HB 4287** passed 56-52.

HB 4303 is the House version of the Higher Education budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of the budget because it increases per-pupil funding, includes \$50 million for the Postsecondary Scholarship Fund, and it modifies the definition of gift aid in Michigan Achievement Scholarship to match the definition in the Michigan Reconnect Program which allows students who are earning bachelor's degrees at community colleges to receive the same amount of funding as if they were getting a bachelor's degree at a 4-year institution. **HB 4303** passed 56-52.

HB 4304 is the House version of the Community Colleges budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides an increase of \$15.3 million in funding for community college operations, provides \$5 million to create a fund for counties to apply for funds to supplement career and education navigators for adult learners, and provides \$5 million for counties and community colleges to engage applicants for the Michigan Reconnect program who were approved, but never enrolled for courses. **HB 4304** passed 56-52.

HB 4249 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides \$110 million for the removal and replacement of lead lines in the poorest 10% of Michigan communities and provide technical assistance to ensure these communities can access and manage resources for water improvement projects. This budget also includes \$280.5 million in funding for water infrastructure projects and \$50 million for the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated sites and the expansion of air pollution control in historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. **HB 4249** passed 56-52.

HB 4289 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it invests \$6.2 million to assist the department in identifying emerging contaminants in

our food and provides \$2 million to support the food and agriculture supply chain. **HB 4289** passed 56-52.

HB 4290 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides \$5.8 million for the creation of an invasive species response task force to lead efforts to prevent and contain invasive species affecting Michigan, \$3.7 million for the expansion of the state firefighting force to meet increased fire and emergency response needs, \$3.5 million to bring pay rates for conservation officers into parity with state police troopers due to the similarity of qualifications which will also help with recruitment and retention. In addition, this budget includes \$5 million for outdoor recreation recruitment, retention, and reactivation, \$7.8 million for additional park rangers and resources for state parks, \$2.5 million for an expansion of forest management operations, and \$1.5 million for the expansion of the carbon credit program that allows Michigan businesses to offset their greenhouse gas emissions. **HB 4290** passed 56-52.

HB 4310 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this bill because it provides a 10% increase in direct care worker wages, \$5 million to fund scholarships and other recruiting tools to attract and support people interested in training to become behavioral health providers, \$47.2 million to implement the racial disparity task force recommendations, \$31.5 million to increase the state Child Care Fund reimbursement rate from 50% to 75% for local/community-based juvenile justice services, \$12 million to provide a 5% increase to the daily rate paid to foster parents, adoptive parents, and juvenile guardians, \$5 million for hospital maternal health initiatives, \$14 million increase in funding for local health departments, \$20 million to support water filter distribution and faucet/plumbing replacement in communities with lead contamination in the water, \$16.5 million for crime victims support programs, and \$115 million to help low-income residents with deep energy retrofits, home heating and cooling upgrades, access to renewable energy systems, ensuring water affordability, and preweatherization. **HB 4310** passed 56-52.

HB 4247 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of the budget because it provides \$16 million for correction officer signing and retention bonuses, \$15.6 million for opioid medication treatment for 1600 inmates with opioid use disorder, \$2.3 million for MDOC to collaborate with state universities in order to provide inmates the opportunity to partake in bachelor's degree programs, \$402,000 for mental health support for recently released offenders, and \$400,000 for housing, education, and employment support for recently released offenders. **HB 4247** passed 56-52.

HB 4292 is the House version of the General Government budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. This budget provides funding for the Michigan Department of Attorney General (AG), the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, the Executive Office, the Legislature, the Michigan Department of State (SOS), the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB), and the Michigan Department of Treasury. I voted in favor of this budget because it

provides \$6.1 million for job courts to divert low-level, non-violent offenders into a program that helps them to secure and maintain employment, with the option of dismissal of charges upon successful completion, \$1.4 million for sexual assault prosecution and victim advocates, provides work project authorization for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to clear the backlog of discrimination cases, \$2 million for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to implement the expansion of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act made in SB 4 to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and or gender identity or expression, \$4.7 million for the implementation of Proposals 1 and 2 from 2022, \$218,000 for the hiring of an officer to implement and oversee the SOS's equity and inclusion policies, and \$1.6 million to enhance oversight and outreach support for youth in the juvenile justice system. **HB 4292** passed 56-52.

HB 4309 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it includes \$47.2 million to support planning, surveys, real estate, design, construction, materials and pavement management, bridge programs and inspections, program coordination services, and bridge design. This budget also includes \$22.3 million for highway maintenance, increases local road funding by \$400 million, and \$42.5 million for new technology and mobility such as drones and electric vehicles. **HB 4309** passed 56-52.

HB 4246 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economy Opportunity (LEO) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides \$25 million for Habitat for Humanity's home ownership program, \$15 million for supplementary funding for retiree healthcare of Detroit firefighters, and a \$500,000 increase in the Wage and Hour Division staffing to investigate child labor violations and wage theft. This budget also provides \$100 million to create a competitive grant program to promote placemaking, climate-resilient infrastructure, and housing in densely populated and walkable areas, \$30 million for student wraparound services and basic needs support, \$1.5 million for legal assistance to those who are contesting the UIA's determination of ineligibility to receive already distributed benefits, and \$15 million for firefighter equipment grants. **HB 4246** passed 56-52.

HB 4280 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides \$3.3 million to the Child Care Licensing Bureau for background check system upgrades, \$1.2 million for additional inspections at healthcare facilities, an \$887,300 increase in funding for gas safety and operations staffing, and \$36.2 million for renewable energy and electrification infrastructure enhancement and development. **HB 4280** passed 56-52.

HB 4281 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides \$500,000 for DIFS to conduct a study on the insulin market and submit recommendations to the legislature to lower the price of insulin for individuals. **HB 4281** passed 56-52.

HB 4244 is the House version of the Michigan Department of State Police (MSP) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides \$8.5 million for law

enforcement officer training, \$1.9 million for victim support programs, \$1.9 million for gun violence prevention programs, \$9 million for a new trooper school, \$2.7 million for a pilot program to train personnel who can respond to incidents where armed law enforcement is not necessary, a \$378,700 expansion of the OK2SAY program, and \$1.5 million for emergency alert system upgrades. **HB 4244** passed 56-52.

HB 4248 is the House version of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides a \$600,000 for additional veteran services officers, \$1.2 million for suicide prevention programs, and \$5 million for a veterans homelessness elimination grant program. **HB 4248** passed 56-52.

HB 4245 is the House version of the Judiciary budget of the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it provides \$2.5 million for the State Appellate Defender Office's continued representation of juveniles serving life sentences without the possibility of parole in their resentencing hearings, \$557,000 for a new juvenile appellate defense unit, \$1.9 million to establish a Juvenile Justice Services Division within the State Court Administrative Office, and \$1 million for increased investment in mental health treatment courts. **HB 4245** passed 56-52.

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HB 4033 requires the state to reimburse locals for the cost of conducting a special election if the Governor calls for the special election on a date that is not a "regular election date". I voted in favor of this bill because it will provide locals with the financial assistance of holding a special election, that is called on a day other than a regularly scheduled election date. **HB 4033** passed 94-13.

HB 4376 updates the fiduciary responsibility and recordkeeping required for insurance agents and producers. I voted in favor of this bill because it makes it clear in statute that there should be no commingling of client funds with monies that belong to agents. The bill also requires that standard accounting practices be followed. **HB 4376** passed 83-24.

HBs 4362-64 are package of bills that would allow taxpayers to "opt-in" as an organ donor when they file their annual state income tax returns. I voted in favor of all three bills because they provide an additional avenue for Michiganders to sign up to become organ donors, which could connect people in need with the critical organs and tissues that they need to live. Thus, it is another way to encourage people to become donors. **HB 4362** passed 102-5. **HB 4363** and **HB 4364** passed 103-4.

HBs 4250-52 are a package of bills that update Michigan's distracted driving law to prohibit the use of mobile electronic devices and other distractions while driving. I voted in favor of all three bills because they will save lives and improve highway safety by strengthening the current texting-while-driving prohibition and updating the policy to better reflect how people now use smartphones. The bill would make provisions regarding mobile phone use while driving more enforceable since police officers would no longer have to guess exactly how drivers are using

their mobile phones while driving. **HB 4250** passed 71-36. **HB 4251** passed 69-38. **HB 4252** passed 70-37.

HB 4437 provides appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year 2023-2024. I voted in favor of this budget because it will become an omnibus bill that will combine the previously approved individual department budget bills into one. **HB 4437** passed 57-50.

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SBs 173, 178, 194, 199, 200, 186, 195, 197, and 201 are the Senate versions of the House budgets that we passed last week. While there are some differences, I did vote in favor of all the Senate versions as well. They all passed along party lines 56-52. The next step in this process is for the House and Senate to begin negotiations on what the final versions of these budgets will be.

HB 4375 would allow a city with a population of 50,000 or more to create land banks should they be in a county that currently does not have a county land bank authority. I voted in favor of this bill because revising the statute in this way will give local municipalities additional options to generate revenue for foreclosed properties, while not requiring them to do so if they do not wish to. Additionally, this allows for a further degree of local control, and certain municipalities will have a true understanding of how a land bank can benefit the entire community beyond the revenue opportunity. **HB 4375** passed 57-50.

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HB 4176 and SB 32 allow law enforcement agencies to “claw back” law enforcement training costs from an employee if the employee leaves within four years after completing training. I voted in favor of both bills because they will allow employers to receive a return on their investment in their employees’ training or education. Both bills passed 103-4.