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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

SB 244 – Provides for Increased Reimbursement and Restitution Values for the Illegal Killing or Possession of Certain Game Species– Sen. Pavlov

This bill seeks to amend Section 40119 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide for increased reimbursement and restitution values for the illegal killing or possession of certain game species. These species include elk, moose, bear, eagle, hawk and waterfowl.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee of the Whole.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

SB 245 – Provides for Increased Penalties for the Illegal Killing, Possessing, Purchasing or Selling of a Bear or an Antlered White-Tailed Deer– Sen. Zorn

This bill seeks to amend Section 40118 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide for increased penalties for the illegal killing, possessing, purchasing, or selling of a bear or an antlered white-tail deer.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee of the Whole.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

SB 446 – Recreational Baiting Ban – Sen. Jones

This bill seeks to amend section 40111a of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to eliminate the sunset of the Commission’s authority to regulate deer and elk feeding in the state.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

SB 521 – Creates the Michigan Historical Commission – Sen. Horn

This bill seeks to create the Michigan Historical Commission and prescribe its powers and duties.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

SB 522 – Creates the Michigan Historical Center Act and Repeals PA 271 of 1913 – Sen. O’Brien

This bill seeks to create the Michigan Historical Center Act, to prescribe the authority of the center, to provide stewardship for the museum and archival collection of the state and to repeal PA 271 of 1913.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

SB 523 – Creates a Native American Historical Recognition Program – Sen. Schmidt

This bill seeks to amend section 72114 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to create a Native American Recognition Program.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

SB 526- Prohibits Fish Farms within the Great Lakes and Connecting Waters- Sen. Jones

This bill seeks to ban commercial aquaculture facilities in Great Lakes waters, connecting waters of the Great Lakes and all waters hydrologically connected to the Great Lakes.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

HB 4239 – Allows Hunting from a Personal Assistive Mobility Device – Rep. Smiley

This bill seeks to amend section 40111 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow individuals, who possess a valid permit for hunting from a standing vehicle, to transport and possess an uncased loaded shot gun, if the action is open, and to also discharge the firearm from a personal assistive mobility device (PAMD) to take game.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee of the whole.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

HB 4908 – Recreational Baiting Ban – Rep. Kivela

This bill seeks to amend section 40111a of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to eliminate the sunset of the Commission’s authority to regulate deer and elk feeding in the state.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

HB 4914 – Creates a Native American Historical Recognition Program – Rep. Irwin

This bill seeks to amend section 72114 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to create a Native American Recognition Program.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

If you would like to learn more about these and other bills, you can access the Michigan Legislature website at www.legislature.mi.gov.