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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

HB 4244 Provide Appropriations for fiscal year 2018-2019; Natural resources trust fund – Rep. Green

This bill contains the recommendations made by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant awards. The recommendations include 30 land acquisitions and 34 development grants. The 64 total grant awards total \$26,044,000, while also leveraging \$15,877,600 in local match, for a total investment of \$41,921,600.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill has passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate and is ready to be signed by the Governor.

HB 4331 Allow an Individual to Possess a Loaded Firearm in or on a Vehicle when on Private Property – Rep. LaFave

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual to possess or transport a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle, including an ATV or UTV, if the individual owns the private land or is accompanied by or has permission of the owner or lessee of the private land.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland and passed out of committee on May 7, 2019. The bill has been rereferred to the House Judiciary Committee.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation

HB 4442 Creates a Commercial Hunting Guide License and Commercial Fishing Guide License – Rep. Howell

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by creating both a commercial hunting and commercial fishing guide license. The legislation outlines the requirements for obtaining each license. The cost for each license is \$500 for a resident and \$750 for a nonresident. If a resident or nonresident has already received either a hunting or fishing guide license in the same year, the Department shall only charge \$250 for the other hunting or fishing guide license in the same year. Money collected under this section must be deposited into the Game and Fish Protection Account.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

HB 4463 Exempt Certain Vehicles from State Recreation Passport – Rep. LaFave

This legislation amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by exempting from the State Recreation Passport any motor vehicle operated to transport passengers for hire, if the vehicle is only parked to pick up or drop off passengers within a state park, or for a vehicle parked at a state operated public boating access site on a free fishing day.

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

HB 4486 State Recreation Passport Opt-out – Rep. Howell

This legislation amends the Michigan Vehicle Code requiring that an individual would need to elect not to pay for the State Recreation Passport during the issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration.

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

HB 4519 Provide 2 Week Preference of State Camp Sites for State Residents – Rep. Steven Johnson

This legislation amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require that all state camp sites be first offered for reservation to residents of the state for at least 2 weeks. The legislation includes reservations for all campground sites, cabins, yurts and lodges.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.