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TO: Natural Resources Commission  
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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

**HB 4781-4783 – Electric Bicycles – Rep. Hughes**

These bills seek to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Insurance Code by defining an electric bicycle (e-bike) and provide regulations on where it can be used. The use of e-bikes on certain trails would be allowed unless the local unit or governing authority adopted a resolution or order to prohibit the use.

- These bills were reported from the House Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation and are awaiting a vote on the House floor.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

**HB 4884 – Prohibits Net Pens within the Great Lakes– Rep. Howell**

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

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

**SB 551—MNRTF Recommendations—Sen. Hildenbrand**

This bill seeks to amend Part 19 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to clarify how the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board will determine the amount of money to be made available each year for funding of projects. The group that would make this recommendation to the Board would be comprised of the Governor, State Treasurer, Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the House of Representatives or their designees and a member of the Board.

- This bill was reported from the Senate Committee on Appropriations.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

**SB 552—ORV Permit Sunset Extension—Sen. Hansen**

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to extend the sunset on the off-road vehicle (ORV) license and trail permit fee to the year 2024. Current trail permit fee of \$10 and license fee of \$26.25 were enacted in 2013 and are set to expire on April 1, 2019.

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

**SB 553-565—Historical Marker Program—Sen. Schmidt, Hansen and Green**

These bills seek to amend various acts to make several technical changes to address the name change to the Michigan History Center and allow for funds to be properly expended on the Historical Markers Program.

- The bills were referred to the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.
- The Administration has not taken a position on 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](http://www.legislature.mi.gov).