

Status updates:

From Legislative report 1/21/22

- No updates to report on House Bill 5674 “Racial Equity and Reparations Fund Act”
- No updates to report on House Bill 5672 “Michigan Strategic Fund Act”
- No updates to report on House Bill 5673
- No updates to report on House Resolution 0205 (Resolution to Address Fertilizer Shortage)

From Legislative report 2/4/22

- No updates to report on Senate Bill 798 “The Revised School Code”
- No updates to report on House Bill 5723

2/18/22 Legislative Report:

Introduced and Adopted

House Resolution 222 (HR 222) 2/8/22

<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2021-2022/resolutionintroduced/House/pdf/2022-HIR-0222.pdf>

Introduced by Representatives MARTIN (R)

BEZOTTE (R), CAVANAGH (D), CHERRY (D), HAADSMA (D), MCMORROW (D), ALEXANDER (D), POLEHANKI (D), MOSS (D), IRWIN (D), BRINKS (D), SABO (D), SNELLER (D), THANEDAR (D), WEISS (D), and MORSE (D)

Purpose: HR 222 is intended to urge the declaration of February 2022 as Career and Technical Education Month in the state of Michigan.

Recommendations:

- Representative Martin recommends the declaration of February 2022 as Career and Technical Education Month in the state of Michigan, in order to raise awareness of the vital necessity of skilled laborers.
- HR 222 determines that career and technical workers (for instance, construction and healthcare workers) are essential to the continued economic success of the state.
- As such, HR 222 recommends an investment into CTE (Career and Technical Education Training) to equip students with the necessary resources to join these competitive vocational tracks.
- Copies of HR 222 will be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan and the State Superintendent

Implications:

- HR 222 has the potential to draw attention to the vital necessity of skilled laborers, in fields that Hispanic/Latinos in the state of Michigan are overrepresented in (manufacturing, healthcare, construction, etc.)

- Thus **HR 222** has the potential to combat harmful stereotypes facing the community, by placing value in the contributions, work ethic, and vital necessity of skilled laborers to the state.
- At the same time, **HR 222** could be improved to address the needs of the Michigan Hispanic/Latino community. While it has been outlined that many of these jobs are filled with Michigan Hispanic/Latinos, who hold significant experience and expertise in these fields, there is a well-documented gap in Michigan certifications/secondary vocational education for Hispanic Latinos (and other marginalized communities as well) to reflect this expertise.
<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/100m-kalamazoo-career-tech-center-shows-promise-inequities-michigan>
- Thus, **HR 222** could include a recommendation for specific investments into the technical and vocational education of students of color, to be made more equitable.