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**Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason and Young

Members absent: none

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Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day:

Approval of Minutes

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| HB 4845 Rep. Foster     | Watercraft; safety; boating safety certificate and watercraft endorsement; define, and allow operation of motorboat by person less than 12 years of age under certain circumstances.   |
| HB 4846 Rep. Schmidt    | Watercraft; violations; vessel operated without required marine safety equipment; allow peace officer to issue citation to owner or operator, require observer when vessel is towing a person, and revise definition of passenger. |
| HB 4847 Rep. Haugh      | Watercraft; other; identification and lighting requirements for barges; enact and provide penalties and remedies.  |
| HB 4848 Rep. LaFontaine | Watercraft; violations; fleeing and eluding police or conservation officer while operating a vessel; prohibit.   |
| HB 5109 Rep. Jenkins    | Watercraft; safety; requirement for persons riding on or being towed behind a personal watercraft to wear certain personal flotation devices; eliminate.   |

HB 5110 Rep. LeBlanc Watercraft; traffic control; criteria for investigatory stops of moving vessels; clarify.

Senator Brandenburg moved to adopt the minutes from January 19, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee House Bills 4845-4848, 5109-5110 (Reps. Foster, W. Schmidt, Haugh, LaFontaine, Jenkins, & LeBlanc). Jason Puscas (Rep. Foster), Eric Ventimiglia (Rep. LaFontaine), and Kevin Sylvester (Rep. LeBlanc) testified in explanation of the bill package and answered questions from the committee members.

The following people testified on House Bills 4845-4848, 5109-5110 and answered questions from committee members:

- Lt. Bill Krul, Lt. Brian Barloq, & Dep. Dykehouse, representing the Deputy Sherrifs Association of Michigan—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bills 4845-4848, 5109-5110:

- Gary Owen, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support
- Bret Marr, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee at 1:31 p.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

\*\*An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.