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AMENDMENT TO CLEAN MICHIGAN FUND ACT

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House Bill 4384 as introduced
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Sponsor: Rep. Ken Sikkema
Committee: Conservation & Environment

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Presently, under the Clean Michigan Fund Act, organizations involved in recycling and composting projects are eligible to receive grants for the projects if they obtain all of the necessary licenses and permits needed to implement the projects after February 1, 1986. The intent of the legislation was to fund projects operated by organizations with proven reputations. However, the current language of the act would limit funding to organizations who had just recently developed a project. Legislation is needed so that organizations that had developed projects prior to the 1986 date may also be entitled to a grant.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would strike the provision which makes it necessary for organizations to have obtained permits for recycling and composting projects after February 1, 1986.

MCL 299.389a

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the Department of Natural Resources, the bill would have no fiscal implications to the state, as grant amounts are limited by the statute.

ARGUMENTS:

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Presently, the section of the Clean Michigan Fund Act addressed by the bill is subject to varying interpretations, and has been ignored by some organizations applying for grants. However, many organizations are still confused about this aspect of the application process (i.e., who can apply for the grants and who can't). The technical amendment would ensure that organizations which had developed projects prior to February 1, 1986 would be eligible to receive grants from the Clean Michigan Fund.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Environmental Council supports the bill.
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The Department of Natural Resources supports the bill.
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