

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.112

Senator Outman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Governor to use the most current
2 federal guidelines on identifying essential critical infrastructure
3 workers.

4 Whereas, As part of the federal government's response to the
5 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Cybersecurity and
6 Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) adopted on March 19, 2020,
7 guidelines identifying essential critical infrastructure workers.
8 CISA later updated the guidelines on March 28, 2020, and April 17,
9 2020, based on new information about the nature of the outbreak and
10 stakeholder feedback. As the crisis continues to evolve, the agency
11 is likely to make further changes to the guidelines that reflect
12 new information; and

13 Whereas, Governor Whitmer adopted CISA's list of essential
14 critical infrastructure workers from the March 19 guidelines into

1 executive orders issued in response to the outbreak, but she has
2 not adopted the March 28 or April 17 updated lists in subsequent
3 executive orders issued; and

4 Whereas, By not adopting the most current federal guidelines,
5 Michigan is utilizing a different, more restrictive definition of
6 essential critical infrastructure workers than other states. Using
7 a different definition than the rest of the country creates
8 confusion for workers and businesses and needlessly limits
9 important economic activities; and

10 Whereas, The novel coronavirus outbreak is an ever-changing
11 crisis that requires responsiveness to new information. Ensuring
12 that future executive orders adopt the most recent CISA list of
13 essential critical infrastructure workers and automatically adopt
14 subsequent updates to those guidelines is the best way to guarantee
15 all essential workers can do their jobs to meet the needs of the
16 people of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Governor to adopt and
18 use the most current federal guidelines on identifying essential
19 critical infrastructure workers and incorporate any updates to
20 those guidelines moving forward; and be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
22 Governor.