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Energy, Environment and Technology/ Samantha Harkins	HB 4237	Haines	Communication Towers	2/12/13 Referred to committee on Energy & Tech	Support	Allows leasing of MSP towers
	HB 4315	McMillin	Smart Meters	2/26/13 Referred to committee on Energy & Tech	Oppose	Adds requirements and prohibitions for smart meters
	HB 4489	Stallworth	Natural Resources	3/21/13 Referred to committee on Natural Resrces	Oppose	Similar to HB 4495 & SB 266; Requires DNR to issue a permit for oceangoing vehicles if tanks have been flushed with seawater
	HB 4495	Lauwers	Natural Resources	4/9/13 Referred to committee on Natural Resrces	Oppose	Similar to HB 4489 & SB 266; Requires DNR to issue a permit for oceangoing vehicles if tanks have been flushed with seawater
	HB 4591	Nesbitt	Permits	5/22/13 Passed Hse; 5/23 Ref'd to Sen Comm	Support	Similar to HB 4592; Authorizes installation of certain low-voltage home monitoring devices and thermostats without an electrical permit
	HB 4592	Jacobsen	Permits	5/22/13 Passed Hse; 5/23 Ref'd to Sen Comm	Support	Similar to HB 4591; Authorizes installation of certain low-voltage home monitoring devices and thermostats without an electrical permit
	SB 266	Green	Natural Resources	3/19/13 Referred to committee on Natural Resrces	Oppose	Similar to HBs 4489 & 4495; Requires DNR to issue a permit for oceangoing vehicles if tanks have been flushed with seawater
Committee supports joining the MI Energy MI Jobs Coalition						
Land Use and Economic Development/ Nikki Brown	HB 4179	Pscholka	Tax Increment Financing	2/5/13 Referred to committee on Naturl Resources	Support	Allows for tax increment financing for dredging of harbors
	HB 4373	Lipton	Inspectors	3/6/13 Referred to committee on Regulatory Refrm	Oppose	Similar to SB 235; Allows someone certified by the National Fire Protection Assn or the International Code Council to conduct plan reviews on fire protection & fire detection & alarm systems
	HB 4390	Stamas	Advertising	3/7/13 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	Neutral	Exempts displays of American and Michigan flags from space allotted for advertising
	HB 4541	Kelly	Obsolete Properties	5/15/13 Passed Hse; 5/16 Ref'd to Sen Comm	Support	Allows for application approval for previous tax year for obsolete properties under certain circumstances
	HB 4542	Nesbitt	Liquor Licenses	4/11/13 Referred to committee on Regulatory Refrm	Support in Concept	Provides for distribution of township quota liquor license to a city or village under specific circumstances
	HB 4629	Jacobsen	Billboards	5/14/13 House flr, 2nd reading	Neutral	Digital Billboard regulation legislation (fix federal audit problems)
	HB 5877	Denby	Liquor Licenses	9/27/12 Passed Hse; 10/17/12 Ref'd to Senate Committee	Support	Allows villages and townships to receive redevelopment liquor licenses. The liquor licenses code specifies that these licenses are to go to cities but in previous interpretations by the Liquor Control Commission, they have been given out to a few villages and townships. HB 5877 rectifies this by allowing villages and townships to receive liquor licenses and grandfathering in those that have already received them.
	HB 5926	Robertson	CRP	PA 395 of 2012	Support	Makes technical changes to the Community Revitalization Program
	SB 79	Hansen	Liquor Licenses	1/24/13 Referred to committee on Regulatory Refrm	Support	Provides for a license to sell and taste wine at farmer's markets
	SB 235	Jones	Inspectors	3/19/13 Senate Floor	Oppose	Similar to HB 5373; Allows someone certified by the National Fire Protection Assn or the International Code Council to conduct plan reviews on fire protection & fire detection & alarm systems
	SB 247	Smith	Liquor	3/6/13 Referred to committee on Regulatory Refrm	Oppose	Provides for an extended hours permit for selling of alcohol between 2 am and 4 am with a permit fee of \$10,000 to be distributed in a fund, 85% of which goes to local police department, 10% to Liquor Control Commission for administrative costs and 5% to local municipality for administrative costs
	SB 329	Hildenbrand	Liquor	4/24/13 Referred to committee on Regulatory Refrm	Support	Expands liquor provision regarding the acquisition, sale, development or other operation of real property to another vendor by a brewer to include wine maker, distiller, or brandy manufacturer and limit the number of real properties
	SB 1172	Booher	Foreclosures	PA 521 of 2012	Support	Delays the sunset on the residential mortgage loan modification program for six months, until June 30, 2013
SB 1291-1292	Hildenbrand	Internet Security	PA 580 and 581 of 2012	Support	Package of bills to provide for regulation of an internet security product that allows any web access device to remotely control security	



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Municipal Finance/ Samantha Harkins	HB 4049	Daley	Property Tax Exemption	1/22/13 Referred to committee on Tax Policy	Oppose	Similar to HB 4110; Real and personal property tax exemption for disabled veterans
	HB 4059	Irwin	Property Tax Exemption	1/22/13 Referred to committee on Tax Policy	Oppose	Exempts eligible energy conversion devices from property taxes
	HB 4110	Gardon	Property Tax Exemption	1/29/13 Referred to committee on Tax Policy	Oppose	Similar to HB 4049; Real and personal property tax exemption for disabled veterans
	HB 4121	Rogers	Property Tax Exemption	3/9/13 House flr, 2nd reading	Oppose	Exempts all property purchased from a school district for five years
	HB 4141	Somerville	Severance Pay	1/30/13 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	Oppose	Prohibits severance pay for a public employee who voluntarily leaves employment
	HB 4184	Haines	Property Tax Exemption	1/30/13 Referred to committee on Tax Policy	Oppose	Allows local gov't to give property tax exemptions for businesses involved in major construction projects
	HB 4235	Johnson	Local Gov't Audits	2/12/13 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	Support	Requires biennial audits for local gov'ts with budgets less than \$50k
	HB 4249	Poleski	Paid/Unpaid Leave Policies	3/13/13 House flr, 2nd reading	Neutral	Similar to SB 173; Prohibits local govts from adopting ordinances/policies requiring an employer to grant paid or unpaid leave time
	HB 4508	Cavanagh	Public Service Employees	4/9/13 Referred to committee on Gov't Operations	Oppose	Prohibits a public entity from employing a person who is already receiving pension benefits from that entity
	HB 4537	Geiss	TIF Police & Fire	4/11/13 Referred to committee on Tax Policy	Oppose	Prohibits TIF capture of police and fire millages
	SB 11	Rocca	Property Sales Value	1/16/13 Referred to committee on Finance	Oppose	Establishes that a sales price of a property is the presumptive true cash value when a property is sold
	SB 173	Jansen	Paid/Unpaid Leave Policies	2/12/13 Referred to: Reforms, Restrctng, Reinv't	Neutral	Similar to HB 4249; Prohibits local govts from adopting ordinances/policies requiring an employer to grant paid or unpaid leave time
	SB 295	Hunter	Foreclosed Properties	4/10/13 Referred to committee on Finance	Oppose	Prohibits an individual from bidding on property at a foreclosure sale if that individual has unpaid fines
	SB 307	Bieda	Public Services	4/11/13 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	Oppose	Increases population threshold for communities wishing to levy police and fire special assessments
Municipal Services/ Samantha Harkins	HBs 4169-4171	Pagel, Cotter, Jacobsen	Elections	3/14/13 Passed Hse; 3/19 Ref'd to Sen Comm	Support	Eliminates city, village and township boards of canvassers
	HB 4271	Callton	Medical Marijuana	2/19/13 Referred to committee on Judiciary	Oppose	Allows medical marijuana dispensaries and local regulation of those facilities
	HBs 4370-4371	Cochran	Local Gov't Contracts	3/5/13 Referred to committee on Oversight	Oppose	Gives Michigan businesses preference in local government contracting
	HBs 4393-4397	Pagel, et al.	Elections	3/7/13 Referred to committee on Elections/Ethics	Oppose	Changes ballot question filing deadline from 70 days before election to the 15th Tuesday before the election
	HBs 4455-4456	McMillin	Law Enforcement	3/14/13 Referred to committee on Criminal Justice	Oppose	Regulates use of unmanned aerial vehicles by law enforcement
	HB 5681	LeBlanc	Medical Marijuana	5/29/12 Referred to committee on Judiciary	Oppose	Establishes a comprehensive regulatory regime for the cultivation, distribution and sale of pharmaceutical grade cannabis and for issuance of permits to purchase to individuals with a debilitating medical condition
	HB 5780	Walsh	PA 54	11/29/12 House flr, 2nd reading	Oppose	Exempts police and firefighter employees and unions from PA 54
	HB 5804	McMillan	Indigent Defense	11/8/12 Passed Hse; 11/27 Ref'd to Sen Comm	Oppose	Creates commission to establish statewide standards and accountability measures for court-appointed attorneys who represent indigent criminal defendants, and creates new state office to implement and enforce
	HB 5879	Shirkey	FOIA	9/11/12 Referred to committee on Oversight, Reform	Oppose	Caps FOIA fees, increases punitive awards from an improper FOIA denial from \$500 to \$5000, reduces costs by 20% for each day a response exceeds deadline
	HB 5895	Opsommer	FOIA	9/12/12 Referred to committee on Oversight, Reform	Oppose	Creates a new nine member Open Government Commission to investigate complaints about violations of FOIA
	HB 5960	LeBlanc	Fireworks	10/17/12 Referred to committee on Regulatory Refrm	Support	Changes national holiday to mean Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day in the Fireworks Safety Act



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	HB 4363	Price	Open Meetings	5/16/13 Passed Hse; 5/21 Ref'd to Sen Comm	Support	Clarifies physical presence requirements for voting under the Open Meetings Act
	HB 4477	Schor	Elections	3/19/13 Referred to committee on Elections/Ethics	Support in Concept	Allows the elector to take a photo of him/herself in a polling place
	HB 4478	Schor	Elections	5/21/13 House flr, 2nd reading	Support in Concept	Allows elector to use a signature stamp if he/she has a disability
	HB 4580	Shirkey	Local Ordinances Firearms	4/17/13 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	Oppose	Exempts shooting ranges that conduct commercial activity from certain local ordinances
	SB 40	Caswell	Intergovern'l Affairs	1/16/13 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	Oppose	Provides additional requirements for interlocal agreements if the state is a party to the agreement
	SB 167	Meekhof	Home Rule	2/7/13 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	No Postion	Provides for disincorporation of home rule villages
	SB 258	Brandenburg	Elections	3/12/13 Referred to committee on Locat Gov't	No Position	Clarifies process for cities changing elections to even-numbered years
	SB 260	Bieda	Elections	3/12/13 Referred to committee on Locat Gov't	Support in Concept	Allows an individual who is age 16 to pre-register to vote
	SB 810/811	Hansen	Village Elections	PA 523 of 2012	Support	Requires all village elections to be held at the November general election
SB 1220	Schuitmaker	Governmental Immunity	7/8/12 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	Oppose	Amends governmental immunity law to revise procedures for the resolution of claims regarding sewage disposal system overflows or backups	
Transportation Infrastructure/ John LaMacchia	HB 4031	Geiss	Excise Taxes	1/22/13 Referred to committee on Transp & Infrastr	Support	Would allow for a levy of a car rental assesment and earmark the revenue for conctruction and maintenance of roads within Next Michigan development districts.
	HB 4106	Genetski	Natural Resources	1/29/13 Referred to committee on Natural Resrcs	Oppose	Would expand the use of the Natural Resources Trust fund to include dredging.
	HB 4284	Johnson	Off-road Vehicles	5/22/13 Passed Hse; 5/23 Ref'd to Sen Comm	Support	Would allow ORVs to have shoulder access to state trunk line highways under certain circumstances
	HB 4299	Bumstead	Off-road Vehicles	5/22/13 Passed Hse; 5/23 Ref'd to Sen Comm	Support	Would extend to the entire state and eliminate the sunset allowing counties to authorize off-road vehicles on road shoulders
	HB 4398	Price	Natural Resources	3/25/13 Presented to Governor	Support in Concept	Would allow for expedited emergency dredging of Great Lakes Bottom Lands that is 90% or more sand
	HB 4399	Pscholka	Natural Resources	3/25/13 Presented to Governor	Support in Concept	Would allow for an emergency permit to be issued for dredging that is 90% or more sand and would reduce the permit fee to \$50.
	HB 4400	Pettalia	Natural Resources	3/25/13 Presented to Governor	Support in Concept	Would allow for expedited emergency dredging of inland lakes that is 90% or more sand
	HB 4410	LaFontaine	Marinas	3/12/13 Referred to committee on Natural Resrcs	Support	Would establish a marine dredging loan program.
	HB 4494	Graves	Local Gov't Sewers	4/9/13 Referred to committee on Local Gov't	Oppose	Regulates a municipality's ability to charge for sewer tap-in fees
	HB 4578	Shirkey	Natural Resources Funding	4/17/13 Referred to committee on Naturl Resources	Oppose	Would clarify and expand the use of the Natural Resources Trust Fund
	SB 50	Casperson	Off-road Vehicles	1/16/13 Referred to committee on Natural Resrcs	Oppose	Would allow ORVs to have access to the maintained portion of certain State Trunk lines as designated by MDOT
	SB 214	Casperson	Natural Resources	2/20/13 Referred to committee on Natural Resrcs	Oppose	Would expand the use of the Natural Resources Trust Fund to maintenance of trails, infrastructure related to timber harvesting and mining, and dredging.
	SB 229	Moolenaar	Natural Resources	3/19/13 Senate Floor	Oppose	Would expand the use of the Natural Resources Trust fund to include dredging.
	SB 243	Booher	Natural Resources	3/14/13 Senate Floor	Oppose	Would limit the use of the Michigan Waterways Fund for the fiscal years 2015-2018 to say that 50% of that fund must be used for dredging or harbor related maintenance activities.
SB 252	Brandenburg	Marinas	3/26/13 Presented to Governor	Support	Would establish a marine dredging loan program.	