

Rep. Espinoza offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 125.

A resolution to express support for the governor's proposal to consolidate and centralize state internal auditing and internal control system functions.

Whereas, Michigan's ongoing budget crisis reflects fundamental shifts in our economy. While these shifts are indicative of challenges that are complex and include the impact of global forces, especially in the area of manufacturing that is central to Michigan, there is great need to reexamine how all branches of state government handle their respective responsibilities; and

Whereas, Just as the practices of the past are no longer as valid as they were in the business world, it would also be wise for all of state government to look at itself and assess the performance of functions and administrative organization with a new approach; and

Whereas, Because the executive power of this state is vested in the governor, the governor is in the best position to have knowledge of the structural problems and needs that exist in the executive branch, and the governor's recommendations for administrative adjustments should be given considerable weight; and

Whereas, The centralization of state internal auditing and internal control system functions as proposed by the governor will minimize the duplication of activities among state agencies, between state agencies and businesses, and effect a better organization and consolidation of functions among state agencies in a manner that is advantageous to this state; and

Whereas, The centralization of state internal auditing and internal control system functions for all state departments within a single state department, as proposed by the governor, will increase administrative efficiencies, improve the effectiveness of financial controls, and could yield notable results and increased savings for the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express our support for the governor's proposal to consolidate and centralize internal audit and internal control functions within a single department of state government and to secure support from Michigan's nonprofit community to support the implementation of this and other consolidation efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Michigan Nonprofit Association.