

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.292

Reps. Kuppa, Stone, Shannon, Anthony, Hope, Brixie, Scott, Neeley, Brabec, Coleman, Breen, Hood, Rabhi, Cavanagh, Aiyash, Sowerby, LaGrand, Whitsett and Jones offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Governor to convene an Infrastructure
2 Task Force to coordinate efforts to ensure federal funding is used
3 to advance climate, resilience, and equity goals, and to direct the
4 work of the task force.

5 Whereas, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
6 recently issued a report highlighting the need for fundamental
7 changes in society to tackle climate change and deal with the
8 impacts of climate breakdown. In response, scientists, STEM
9 professionals and interfaith leaders around the world are heeding
10 warnings and taking action by educating the public and policymakers

1 about the impending climate catastrophe; and

2 Whereas, Climate change is threatening Michigan's economy with
3 increased frequency of extreme weather likely to result in
4 unprecedented risks, damages, and costs for our residents and
5 communities. These costs will continue growing without public
6 action, saddling our children and grandchildren with extreme
7 financial burden and negatively impacting the health, resilience,
8 and quality of life in Michigan; and

9 Whereas, Michigan can take steps now to both reduce our
10 state's contributions to climate change and to protect against its
11 impacts, and to do so in an equitable way that protects our most
12 vulnerable citizens; and

13 Whereas, The Governor signed Executive Order 2020-182 and
14 Executive Directive 2020-10 to commit Michigan to the goal of
15 achieving economy-wide carbon neutrality no later than 2050 through
16 the development and implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan.
17 The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; other state
18 agencies; and the Infrastructure Task Force will help implement the
19 plan by strengthening our energy infrastructure and guiding the
20 construction of green energy infrastructure; and

21 Whereas, The Michigan Infrastructure Office and the
22 Infrastructure Task Force will work collaboratively to ensure
23 federal infrastructure funding is used effectively and efficiently.
24 In addition to federal funding oversight, the Task Force will
25 collaborate with the private sector and focus on broad, long-term
26 actions; and

27 Whereas, The Federal government has passed the Infrastructure
28 Investment and Jobs Act that will deliver millions of dollars in
29 badly needed infrastructure and climate-related funding to

1 Michigan, providing an opportunity to use these funds to address
2 these challenges and improve the resilience of our state; and

3 Whereas, President Biden's Justice40 initiative will ensure
4 that federal agencies work with states and local communities to
5 deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from Federal
6 investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged
7 communities; now, therefore be

8 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
9 Governor to convene an Infrastructure Task Force to coordinate
10 efforts to ensure federal funding is used to advance climate,
11 resilience, and equity goals; and be it further

12 Resolved, That the Infrastructure Task Force be comprised of
13 senior officials of relevant state agencies and convened with all
14 due haste; and be it further

15 Resolved, That the Infrastructure Task Force solicit and
16 consider input from stakeholders; and be it further

17 Resolved, That the Infrastructure Task Force may develop
18 guiding principles, recommendations, and other resources to assist
19 state agencies in coordination efforts; and be it further

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