

Legislative Analysis



DIWALI, DEEPAVALI, OR THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

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House Bill 4446 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Ranjeev Puri
Committee: Government Operations
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4446 would create a new act to designate Diwali, also known as Deepavali or the Festival of Lights, as a holiday in Michigan. Specifically, the legislature would declare that the new moon day on the eighth lunar month under the Indic pūrṇimānta lunisolar calendar shall be known as Diwali, Deepavali, or the Festival of Lights, a holiday celebrated by Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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