

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

Reps. Bollin, Aragona, Meerman, Smit, VanderWall, Borton, Posthumus, DeBoyer, Harris, Hall, BeGole, Jenkins-Arno and Slagh offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to provide for a procedure for the required
2 disclosures related to enhancement grants under Rule 52 of the
3 Standing Rules of the House of Representatives.

4 Whereas, Rule 52 of the Standing Rules of the House of
5 Representatives provides, "No appropriations bill containing
6 enhancement grants shall be brought for a vote without proper
7 disclosure of the sponsor and the intended recipient, and a
8 description of the grant in a form and manner established by the
9 House by resolution"; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the following
11 procedure is adopted for the required disclosures related to
12 enhancement grants under Rule 52 of the Standing Rules of the House

1 of Representatives:

2 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for a
3 legislatively directed spending item to be considered for inclusion
4 in a bill or conference report passed by the House during a
5 calendar year, all of the following must be made publicly available
6 on the internet by April 1 of the same calendar year and for not
7 less than 14 days prior to passage of a bill or conference
8 report. For the 2025 calendar year, all of the following must be
9 made publicly available on the internet by May 1, 2025, and for not
10 less than 14 days prior to passage of a bill or conference report:

11 (a) The sponsoring legislator's name, and if applicable, any
12 co-sponsoring legislators.

13 (b) The name and location of the intended recipient and the
14 impacted legislative district or, if there is not a specific
15 intended recipient, the intended location of the project or
16 activity, including legislative district and legislator.

17 (c) The purpose of the legislatively directed spending item
18 and an explanation of how the legislatively directed spending item
19 provides a public benefit and why the item is an appropriate use of
20 taxpayer funds or to otherwise demonstrate that the item is not for
21 a local or private purpose pursuant to Article IV, § 30 of the
22 Michigan Constitution.

23 (d) The requested amount of state funding for the
24 legislatively directed spending item and whether the legislatively
25 directed spending item has previously received federal, state,
26 local, or private funding. The type of funding previously received
27 must be clearly specified.

28 (e) If the recipient of the legislatively directed spending
29 item is a not-for-profit entity, verification of the following

1 information:

2 (i) That the entity has been operating within the state for
3 the previous 36 consecutive months.

4 (ii) That the entity has had a physical office within the
5 state for the previous 12 consecutive months.

6 (iii) That the entity has a board of directors and a list of
7 all officers and active directors on the entity's board.

8 (iv) That the entity is not a for-profit entity.

9 (f) A certification that neither the sponsoring legislator
10 nor the sponsoring legislator's staff or immediate family has a
11 direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed
12 spending item.

13 (g) Information on the required project timing of the
14 proposed legislatively directed spending item.

15 (2) The sponsoring legislator must provide a written
16 statement containing the information required under subsection (1)
17 on a form and in a manner determined by the House. The written
18 statement must be provided to the Chair and Members of the House of
19 Representatives Appropriations Committee, the House Fiscal Agency,
20 and the House Business Office.

21 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a
22 legislator wishing to co-sponsor a legislatively directed spending
23 item may, with the sponsoring legislator's permission, add or
24 remove their name as a co-sponsor through April 1 of each calendar
25 year. For the 2025 calendar year, legislators wishing to co-
26 sponsor a legislatively directed spending item may, with the
27 sponsoring legislator's permission, add or remove their name as a
28 co-sponsor through May 1, 2025. Co-sponsorship of a legislatively
29 directed spending item must be completed by submitting the

1 following letters to the House Business Office:

2 (a) A signed letter from the sponsor of the legislatively
3 directed spending item granting the legislator wishing to co-
4 sponsor permission to co-sponsor.

5 (b) A letter from the legislator wishing to co-sponsor
6 stating their intention to co-sponsor the legislatively directed
7 spending item.

8 (4) The House must develop a webpage on the House of
9 Representatives' official website where each fully completed
10 written statement received under subsection (1) shall be
11 conspicuously available to the public. After development of the
12 webpage, each fully completed written statement shall be made
13 available within three business days after the later of the
14 creation of the webpage or the original receipt of the fully
15 completed written statement.

16 (5) A for-profit business is not eligible to receive a
17 legislatively directed spending item.

18 (6) As used in this section:

19 (a) "Immediate family" means an individual's parent, child,
20 sibling, and spouse, and any individual residing in the same
21 household as that individual.

22 (b) "Legislatively directed spending item" means an
23 appropriation that authorizes or obligates a specific amount of
24 money for a contract or other expenditure with a grant, loan, or
25 other economic assistance or incentive to a specific person,
26 organization, unit of local government, or project or activity in a
27 unit of local government, other than through a formula-driven or
28 competitive award process.

29 (c) "Staff" means an individual who either is currently or

1 within the past two years has been employed by either house of the
2 Michigan Legislature.

3 (d) "Legislator" means a duly elected individual serving in
4 the Michigan House of Representatives.