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TO: Natural Resources Commission
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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

HB 4687 – Deer and Elk Feeding – Rep. Hoitenga

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual to engage in deer and elk feeding during the open seasons.

- This bill was passed the House of Representatives and the Senate and vetoed by the Governor on December 18, 2019.
- The Administration opposed this legislation.

HB 5225 – Provide Veteran Preference for Hunting Lotteries – Rep. Witwer

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to provide first preference to veterans for lotteries for hunting.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HB 5290 – Places the Waters of the State in the Public Trust– Rep. Rahbi

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to protect the public trust resources of the State of Michigan. The bill specifically lists the waters of the state, including groundwater, as being held in the public trust.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HB 5291 – Modifies Consumptive Use in Water Withdrawals – Rep. Hood

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to modify the definition of “consumptive use” with regards to water withdrawal from the Great Lakes basin.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

**HB 5292 –Provide for Protection and Conservation of Water under DNR Control –
Rep. Pohutsky**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to place the protection and conservation of water under the Department of Natural Resources control, rather than the purview of the Department of Energy, Great Lakes and the Environment.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.