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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE 2019-09 – Equal Opportunity

Executive Directive 2019-09 seeks to assure equal opportunity in state employment, contracting and grant and loan programs, and the provision of state services. Executive Directive 2019-09 strengthens non-discrimination protections in four important ways by:

1. Clarifying that employment protections cover all state employees, including classified and unclassified employees.
2. Requiring all recipients of state contracts, grants and loans to extend protections to their employees.
3. Prohibiting discrimination in state services.
4. Extending prohibitions on discrimination to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression – which will now be consistent with the action taken by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission in May 2018.

Under this directive, each director of a principal state department and head of an autonomous agency subject to supervision by the Governor must designate an individual within the department or agency as an Equity and Inclusion Officer to educate employees about the directive and ensure compliance. Each Equity and Inclusion Officer will receive complaints about noncompliance and make recommendations on how to remedy the issue to the department director or agency head and will report to the Governor's Chief Compliance Officer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE 2019-11 – Encourage Transparency in State Government

Executive Directive 2019-11 seeks to ensure state government is more open, transparent and accountable by establishing a general policy of the executive branch relating to public access to public records and open meetings. The directive sets forth specific requirements departments and agencies must comply with regarding the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. In addition, each department or agency must designate an individual to serve as a Transparency Liaison who will report to the Governor's Chief Compliance Officer.

SB 31-32 – Recreation Passport – Sen. Victory

These bills seek to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and the Motor Vehicle Code to expand where Recreation Passports are needed. This legislation would require an individual at a State Trailhead and a State Forest Campground to have a Recreation Passport.

- These bills were referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

SB 35 – Youth Hunt Requirements – Sen. VanderWall

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require a minor that is participating in the youth hunt weekend to take an antlerless deer before they can take an antlered deer.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

SB 36 – Private Land Antlerless Deer Permits – Sen. VanderWall

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual who obtains a private-land antlerless deer license to transfer that license to an immediate family member.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

SB 37 – Deer and Elk Feeding – Sen. VanderWall

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 referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.