

Legislative Update for Week April 13th, 2018

1. Top of Michigan Trails Council and Michigan Trails have collaborated on a “Q and A” regarding the new e-bike laws that came into effect at the end of January 2018. To learn more, [click here](#).
2. [SB 596](#) (Hansen) Passed Senate Unanimously. This bill will put key issues before both new and existing trailways councils as they seek to manage multi-jurisdiction trails. Trailways managers will review a plan to provide for consistent signage, maintenance, history telling and trail etiquette. Also, the bill implements the new history guidance document that Sandra and Dan Spegel are working on for trails and declares that trails and trail amenities are a public good and hence clears up the confusion as to whether local units can fund them with general dollars. PA 69 of 2018.
4. [SCR 27](#) (Warren) Passed the Senate unanimously. This urges the DNR to create a statewide water trail program with a grant fund to help support local water trails. Currently referred to House Appropriations Committee.
5. [SR 93](#) (Hune) Passed the Senate unanimously. Urges DNR and MDOT to commit all practical resources to finishing GLTL Route 1 by summer of 2019.
6. HR ____ (LaSata). Will urge commitment of state, federal and local water trails to develop a water trail program that emphasizes broadened access to our water trails and to focus on safety and natural resources education when water trails are being developed. To be introduced in mid-January
7. [SR 132](#) (Ananich) and [HR 230](#) (Frederick) These resolutions will support the pending applications of the Flint and Shiawassee Rivers as National Water Trails. SR 132 to the Senate Outdoor Recreation Committee and HR 230 has been reported to the House floor for adoption. House voted to adopt HR 230.
8. [SR 115](#) (Knezek). This resolution urges support for new Joe Louis urban trail in Detroit. Referred to the Senate Outdoor Recreation Committee.
9. [SB 124](#) (O'Brien), [SB 170](#) (O'Brien), [HB 4265](#)(Hughes), [HB 4198](#) (Alexander). Bike safety bills—two separate packages moving in both Houses. House Transportation Committee Chairman Cole has created a work-group. (focusing on the 5-ft safety zone, driver training requirements). Senate package is on Senate floor. HB 4265 reported out of House Transportation Committee with an H-3 substitute that narrows 5 foot zone to 3 ft.. HB 4265 has passed the House and been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee HB 4198 has been reported out of committee and has passed the House. SB 124 and SB 170 have both been reported from Senate Committee and are on the Senate floor.
10. Bike carrier obstruction bills-two different House bills. [HB 5100](#) (Hughes) reported from committee. HB 5100 has passed the House and has been reported from Senate Committee. Additionally, [HB 4881](#) (Lucido) reported from Transportation & Infrastructure committee. HB 4881 is currently on 2nd reading for the House floor.
11. [HB 4954](#) (Hernandez) This bill is an issue for the non-motorized community as it removes the current 1% mandate for spending on non-motorized transportation projects. This bill has had a hearing and significant opposition was presented. Still in Transportation Committee.
12. Quality of Life Bond Update--\$2.25 Billion—MITA, Recycling Coalition, MSA, MEC and others coming. Largest components for drinking water grants and cleanup. Non-motorized users have a \$50 million stake in this with motorized users. Also state and local parks, recycling and lead abatement and invasive species. W
13. [HB 5155](#) (LaSata) Passed unanimously. This makes changes to the adopt-a-river program so that the volunteer clean-up is conducted on a segment of a river within a state park or recreation area and is conducted under the advisory of a State park or recreation area manager. PA 78

14. HB 5156 (LaSata) Passed unanimously. This adds an adopt-a-shoreline program to remove litter from shorelines within state parks and state recreation areas. Volunteer work will be conducted with advisory from a state park or recreation area manager. PA 79
15. SJR O and SB 763--Proposes Constitutional Amendment to allow for expanded use of State Park Endowment Fund and Natural Resources Trust fund for trail renovation and redevelopment work and will close off potential diversion of NRTF into General Fund. This legislation will result in more funding for development, redevelopment and restoration work for both land and water trails. Two additional bills were added to the package in committee--SB 931 and SB 932. This package of bills was reported from the Senate Natural Resources Committee and awaits action on the Senate floor.
16. HR ____ (Cochran)--A resolution that would commemorate, in Michigan, the first Saturday of June as National Trails Day.