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On Point Policy

Michigan Legislature sends budget to Governor's desk

With just days to spare, the Michigan Legislature has presented a budget for the Governor to either sign or veto.

We will send you updates about the budget as they happen.

To see the Governor's options on this budget...

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LOCAL UPDATES

BAY AREA

SAGINAW COUNTY

Who's Driving? Advanced Vehicle Technology: Recap

The Bay Area and Saginaw County Chambers of Commerce hosted a joint Leading the Way and Public Policy Bites legislative event at Saginaw Valley State University, bringing together experts on autonomous vehicles to educate members. This event included former State Senator Mike Kowall, MCity Associate Director Greg McGuire, Senior Vice President, Chief Technology Officer, and Chief Strategy Officer for Nexteer Automotive Robin Milavec and Legislative Director for At&T Michigan Gavin Goetz . The panel was moderated by State Senator Ken Horn.

Members were able to look at displays provided by Nexteer Automotive. Panelists not only explained how these cars are engineered but the economic impact they will have in the future as they hit the market. It was stated that Michigan is #1 in Research and Development, which is why Senator Horn is making the push to show companies that keeping their R&D efforts in Michigan will benefit them with the R&D Tax Credit he has proposed to the legislature.

STATE GOVERNMENT UPDATES

SB 379: Beet Molasses Research

SB 379 would require the Michigan Department of Transportation to embark on a three-year study of using beet molasses and other organic products to help de-ice state roadways.

After the three years of research is conducted and beet molasses is proved to be the most effective and environmentally friendly solution to de-icing the roads, Michigan farmers will greatly benefit from the added use of sugar beets.

Going PRO Talent Fund

Going PRO Talent Fund, which continues to be Michigan's most effective tool in ongoing efforts to meet the talent demands of the manufacturing industry.

Despite funding increases, demand continues to exceed supply. Last year alone saw \$50 million in eligible training submitted via applications, yet the lack of available funds left potential opportunities throughout the state unfulfilled. The Senate passed Going PRO Talent Funding at \$37.9 million.

Our economy will not continue to grow if workers are not qualified for what employers need. Having dollars available to train these people will help attract and retain our talent. People will not have to leave because they are unemployed.

SB 242: Good Jobs for Michigan

Senate Bill 492 would eliminate the December 31, 2019, sunset of the Good Jobs for Michigan Program and lift the \$200 million cap in total incentives that can be awarded.

After the original Good Jobs for Michigan program was implemented in 2017, it has helped to attract companies such as Pfizer, KLA Corporation, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and Aptiv that have created more than 8,000 jobs and \$4 billion of investment in Michigan. Without this bill, these achievements would not have happened across the state of Michigan.

We need to attract businesses to make the Great Lakes Bay Region their home. With our rail, water and air resources in the area we should be at the front lines for businesses attraction. Continuing to fund this program will help to make the GLBR attractive to new businesses.

On behalf of our members, the Bay Area and Saginaw County Chambers of Commerce will continue to monitor public policy that impact our region, our communities and most importantly--your business!

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