



BUDGET UPDATE

Over the last 65 days, supplemental budget bills have been ironed out. On December 4, the Senate unanimously passed a combined \$573.5 million in restored funding.

Here are some of the highlights of the restored funding:

- \$38 million in private college scholarships
- \$35 million for charter schools
- \$16.6 million for rural healthcare
- \$5.1 million for 37 "critical access" hospitals
- \$4 million in veteran grants

Crucial items still missing from restored funding:

- \$175 million for Pure Michigan
- \$37.26 million for Going PRO Talent Fund
- Michigan Reconnect

We will continue to advocate for those items missing from the budget. They are critical to our region and the business community.

The bills passed by the Senate will await action from the House, if the House passes the bills then they will await the Governor's approval and signature.

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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