

HOUSE MOVES SELFRIDGE SUPPLEMENTAL, AMONG OTHER BILLS – In a surprise move this week, the *House* passed a 2025-26 Fiscal Year supplemental appropriation bill for Selfridge Air National Guard Base, providing \$152 million for runway construction.

The bigger picture: *House Speaker Matt Hall (R-Richland Township)* first mentioned the potential of a supplemental during his press conference Tuesday afternoon. Shortly after the press conference, the *House* passed *House Bill 4572* by a margin of 65-41, which provides \$152 million General Fund dollars to the *Department of Military and Veterans Affairs* for the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. *House Democratic* members said they were not aware of the supplemental, with *House Minority Leader Ranjeev Puri (D-Canton Township)* specifying that they had mere minutes to review before voting.

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HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS GIVEN BUDGET TARGETS – *Representative Ann Bollin (R-Brighton)*, chair of the *House Appropriations Committee*, told reporters this week that all of the *House Appropriation Subcommittees* have their budget targets for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year budget.

Why it matters: *House* leadership giving subcommittee chairs budget targets in March is a contrast to last year’s budget process, where subcommittee budgets did not come out of committee until early June, and the *House* did not pass a budget until August. While *Representative Bollin* did not tell reporters a specific timeline for budgets to be reported out from committee, she stated that the *House* is working “very aggressively” and in a better position this year to deliver a budget in a timely manner. *Senator Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing)*, chair of the *Senate Appropriations Committee*, did not say whether *Senate Appropriation Subcommittees* are at a similar stage. However, *Senator Anthony* did say that executive budget recommendation presentations are being heard in committee and the *Senate* is holding conversations with stakeholders.

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ELECTIONS

- *Representative Karen Whitsett (D-Detroit)* announced on Monday that she will not be seeking a fifth term in the *House*. Along with the announcement, *Representative Whitsett* said she is leaving the *Democratic* party, a decision that was driven by her commitment to her faith.
- *Senator Sam Singh (D-Lansing)* has decided he will not be pursuing his final term in the *Senate*. *Senator Singh* said he will be moving on and pursuing opportunities outside of the *Legislature*.
- *Representative Regina Weiss (D-Oak Park)* announced that she will not be seeking a fourth term with the intention of focusing on the future of her professional and personal life. *Representative Weiss* is the 19th member to declare they will not be seeking reelection.
- *Former Representative Jaime Churches* filed to run for the 27th *House District*, aiming to set up a rematch of the 2024 election. The seat is currently held by *Representative Rylee Linting (R-Wyandotte)*. The 27th *House District* is considered a 50/50 seat.
- *Former Representative Lynn Afendoulis* has set up a campaign committee to run for the 90th *House District* seat. The seat is currently held by *Representative Bryan Posthumus* who will be vacating the seat at the end of the year.

ODDS AND ENDS

- The *House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee* held its third testimony only hearing on a bill package that addresses drone regulations. The final five bills within the 15-bill package, which were taken up in the committee this week, focus on regulations on drones that have been acquired or operated by the state. The bills, *House Bills 5328-5332* would specifically prohibit the state from purchasing drones from companies of federal concern.
- *House Bill 4765* had testimony only taken in the *House Election Integrity Committee* this week. The bill would require Michigan voters to provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote. *Republican* members consider the legislation to be commonsense policy, while *Democratic* members called it voter suppression.
- The *Senate Local Government Committee* reported *House Bills 4694, 4695* and *4798* unanimously. The bills would allow a recreational authority to be formed for the acquisition and maintenance of a public forest or natural resources area. The bills would also amend the *Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act* to include recreational authority in the Natural Resources Trust Fund language.
- The *Senate Housing and Human Services Committee* heard testimony on *Senate Bills 735* and *736* this week. The legislation would amend the definitions of child neglect and abuse with the intention of preventing unnecessary reports to Children's Protective Services.
- *House Bill 4832* was discussed in the *House Health Policy Committee* on Wednesday. The bill would consider anesthesiologist assistants licensed health professionals who provide anesthesia-related services under the supervision of an anesthesiologist.
- The *House Appropriations Subcommittee* heard testimony on *House Bills 5504, 5505, and 5663*. The bills would create a State Digital Service Office and a Legislative Digital Oversight Office. The *Management and Budget Act* would also be amended to create caps for IT projects.