

MAY CREC HELD TODAY – The May *Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC)* was held this morning to agree on the revenues that appropriators will be able to spend in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget.

Why it matters: The May *CREC* reevaluates the consensus revenue estimates for current and future fiscal years, specifically *Fiscal Years 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28*. The conference today revised its projected revenues upwards by approximately \$481.1 million.

To read more, please click [here](#).

GOV WHITMER SIGNS BILLS – *Governor Gretchen Whitmer* signed five bills into law this week.

The bigger picture: The five bills signed into law make up two different bill packages. The first bill package removes certain standardized testing requirements for students. The second package increases opportunities for communities to invest in public forests and recreational spaces. The five bills signed into law brings the total of Public Acts in 2026 to 14.

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STATE BUDGET OFFICE REQUESTS SUPPLEMENTAL – The *State Budget Office (SBO)* requested that lawmakers consider providing funding to tribal governments.

The bigger picture: The *Legislature* received a letter from the *SBO* on May 8 that requests funding that would hold tribal governments harmless from the choice to remove sales tax on fuel through a supplemental. Thus far, both chambers have moved supplemental funding bills, with the *House* only including funding for the Selfridge National Guard base while the *Senate* included additional funding items. The request from *SBO* is aiming to add a \$2 million grant for tribal governments.

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ELECTIONS

- The *Michigan Education Association (MEA)* has announced that it will not be endorsing a gubernatorial candidate at this time. In a statement, the *MEA* said that its review committee could not come to a decision on which candidate to endorse after interviewing *Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson*, former Detroit Mayor *Mike Duggan* and Genesee County Sheriff *Chris Swanson*. *SOS Benson*, who has been seen as the *Democratic* frontrunner, was expected to receive the endorsement. Of the last three open *Governor* seats, the *MEA* has successfully endorsed all the eventual *Democratic* nominees, making the endorsement extremely coveted among the candidates.

ODDS AND ENDS

- This week the *House* passed legislation that would undo the energy overhaul passed under the *Democratic* trifecta in 2023. Together *House Bills 5710 and 5711* would remove clean and renewable energy standards and require consideration of all energy sources. The bills were passed 58-47 and 57-48, respectively, with *Representative Peter Herzberg (D-Westland)* being the only *Democrat* to vote yes on the legislation.
- The *Senate Housing and Human Services Committee* unanimously reported a six-bill package that would alter mobile home licensing, operations, and sales processes. Under the bills, licensing

fees would be increased and water and sewer provisions would be enacted to protect tenant from deceptive business practices.

- The **House** passed two bills this week that are a part of a larger drone regulation package. The **House** had 15 bills on the agenda this Wednesday that would regulate drone usage, but only two were voted off of the floor. **House Bills 5329** and **5331** prohibit the state from using funding to purchase certain drones. Both passed 57-45. The rest of the package was not taken up after **House Republicans** did not have the votes to pass the larger package.
- **House Bill 4551** passed the **House** 56-49 on Wednesday. The bill moves the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to the **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**.
- The **House Government Operations Committee** took testimony only on **House Bills 5529-5532**, and **5581-5585** this week. The packages limit residential lot size requirements, limits when local governments can request additional studies after lot size approval, revises requirements for local protest petitions that are submitted in regard to zoning ordinance amendments, prohibits the exclusion of mobile homes and duplexes from any residential zone, allows for lesser parking amount requirements, prohibits minimum setback requirements on property lines, and permits accessory dwelling units. The bills received a mixed bag of support and opposition from a variety of stakeholders.