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## Legislative Update

Fall 2023

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# What's New

- We're Back (*in session*)!
- Lots of New Legislation
- Budget Process Completed
- Affordability Working Group

## *Many "Firsts" in Lansing*

- New Democratic majorities for the first time in decades
- New and more diverse leadership
- Additional focus on the environment, clean water, labor policy, and civil rights
- Legislature returning for Fall session

# Legislation of Interest

Labeling requirements for disposable wipes  
(HB 4596) *Support*

Aggregate mining bills (HB 4526-28)  
*Oppose*

Stormwater-related drain code revisions  
(HBs 4282-83) *Support*

# Additional Legislation of Interest

Repeal of “No Stricter Than Federal” law  
(SB 14) *No Position*

*“Filter First” in school requirements (SB 88-89)* *Support*

*Stormwater Utility Bill (draft form)* *Support*

# State Budget

*FY23-24 budget completion!*

- Billions on the books spent
- The legislature and Governor reached agreement and passed a record budget
- Complex dynamics are always involved in an ~\$84 Billion budget



# Affordability Working Group

- Sen. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) has formed a large workgroup on affordability issues
- MI-AWWA is working in close coordination with several other stakeholder groups. This includes MWEA, MML, MTA, GLWA, Oakland County WRC, and others
- Statewide affordability programs are being discussed with a variety of organizations



# Affordability Related Bill Drafts

Michigan legislators are focusing on several major areas for tackling water affordability:

- Statewide affordability program framework
- Shut-off protections
- Rate transparency reporting requirements

***There are unresolved issues here!***



# Fall Schedule

- Local elections may impact session
- Timelines for legislative session are being discussed by both chambers
- Governor has a list of priorities

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## Fall Outlook

Democratic majorities/Gov. Whitmer have a long list of priorities including:

- Climate/Environmental Regulations
- Electric Vehicle Charging
- Economic Development/Population Growth
- Reproductive Care Protections
- Labor Reforms
- Housing Policy

# QUESTIONS!?!

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