



**MME Winter Institute
Legislative Update
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Lame Duck

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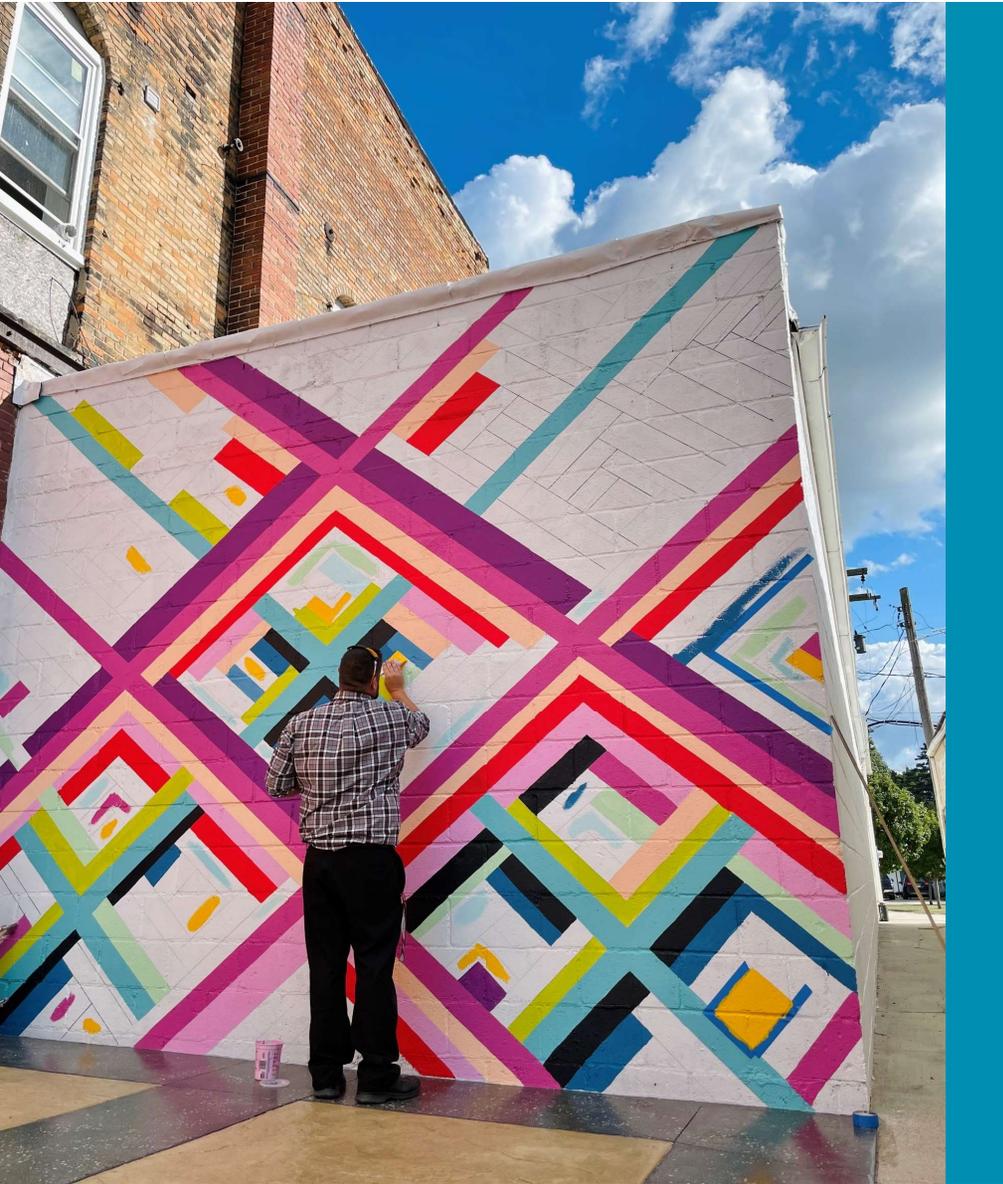
What Happened

- Long Days, Late Nights, Early Mornings, Marathon Sessions

Major Issues

- Tipped Wage, Paid Leave, Road Funding, Public Safety Trust Fund, Water Affordability





Three Major Lane Duck Priorities for MML

1. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
 - House Bills 4274 and 4275
2. Short-Term Rental Regulation Act
 - House Bill 5438
3. Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program
 - House Bill 5695
 - Signed by the Governor on Jan. 22
 - Public Act 275 of 2024

Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program

GEMT is a voluntary program for Michigan public EMS providers

- To participate in the program, the agencies must be a publicly-owned and operating emergency transportation services.
- Sign an agreement to participate in the program through an Intergovernmental agreement. (Program should have an annual open enrolled period for agencies.)
- Annually complete a cost report (excel document) that will determine your transport and uncompensated care costs.
- These cost reports will be used to determine the amount of supplemental funding a community can receive.
- Submit these cost reports to MDHHS for a desk review before they are forwarded to CMS.



Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program

GEMT in Michigan will:

- **Provide up to 100% of the allowable federal reimbursement for the transportation of Medicaid patients.**
- **Improve EMS across the state**
- **Provide additional resources to overloaded EMS agencies**
- **Ensure quick responses**
- **Fund state of the art equipment and vehicles**
- **Provide funding for more paramedics and EMTs**
- **Most importantly, save lives!**

Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program

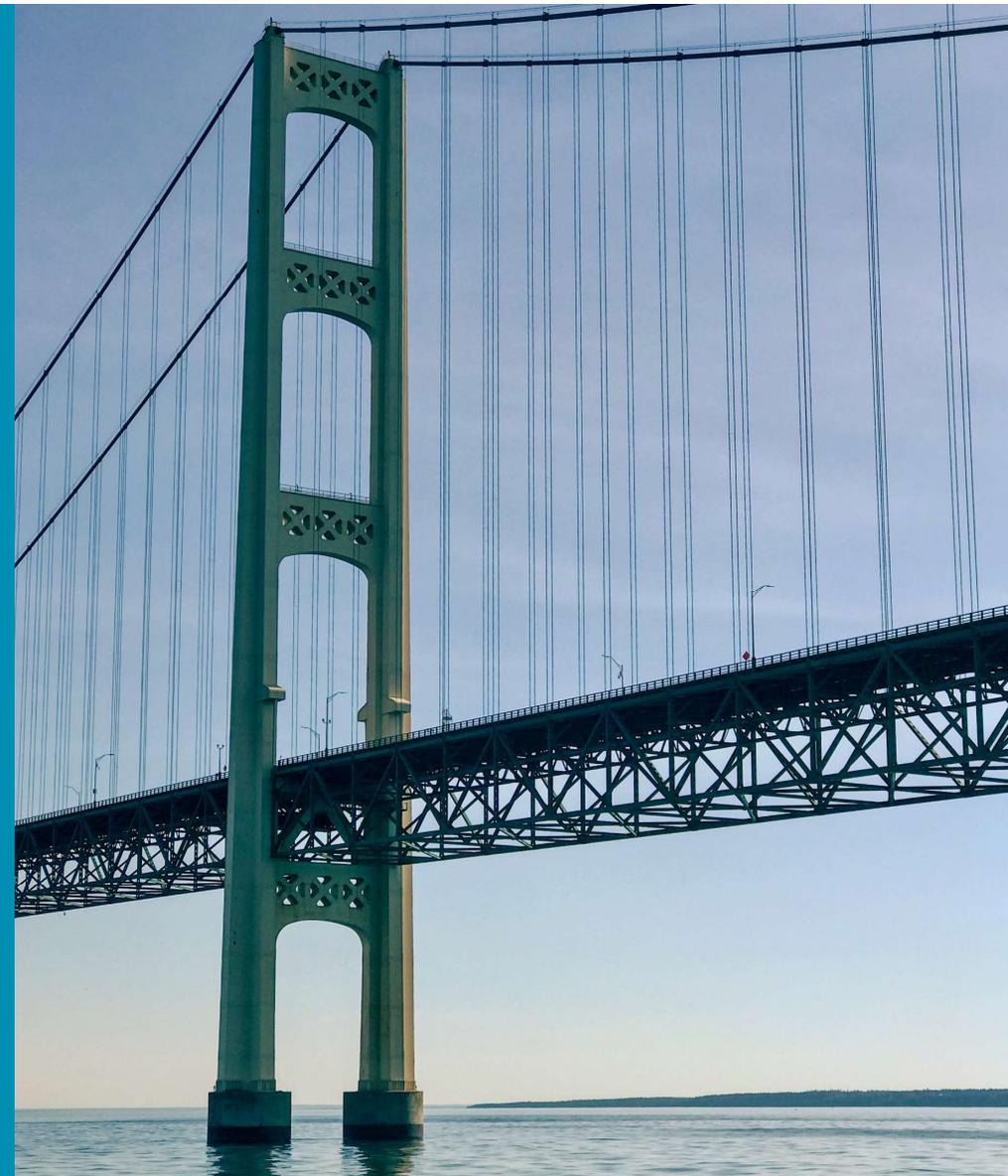
Getting the program off the ground:

- Work with MDHHS to develop the methodology for the supplemental ambulance payment program.
- MDHHS must submit a state plan amendment for this program to seek approval for methodology used.
- Educate local fire chiefs, EMS administration, and city administration on how to complete the cost reports and the methodology used.
- Will need to create a method to compensate MDHHS for staff FTEs to manage the enrollment, education, and desk review for the program.

Issue of Concern

Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act (PA 152): House Bill 6058 of 2024

- Creates floor of 80% contribution
- Increases hard cap contribution
 - Adjusts based on average of Michigan's health insurance rates, or by 3% (whichever is greater)
- Potential Legal Limbo
- Bill has not been presented to the Governor for signature





Success in the Chaos

- Minimum staffing: House Bill 4688 and Senate Bill 1167
- Housing Preemption: House Bills 6095, 6096, 6097, and 6098
- Workers Compensation: House Bill 4729
- Water Affordability: Senate Bills 549-554, 980 and House Bills 5088-5092, 6228
- Aggregates Mining: House Bills 4526, 4527, 4528, 6108, 6109, 6110, and 6111
- Polluter Pay: Senate Bills 605 and 606
- Tipping Fees

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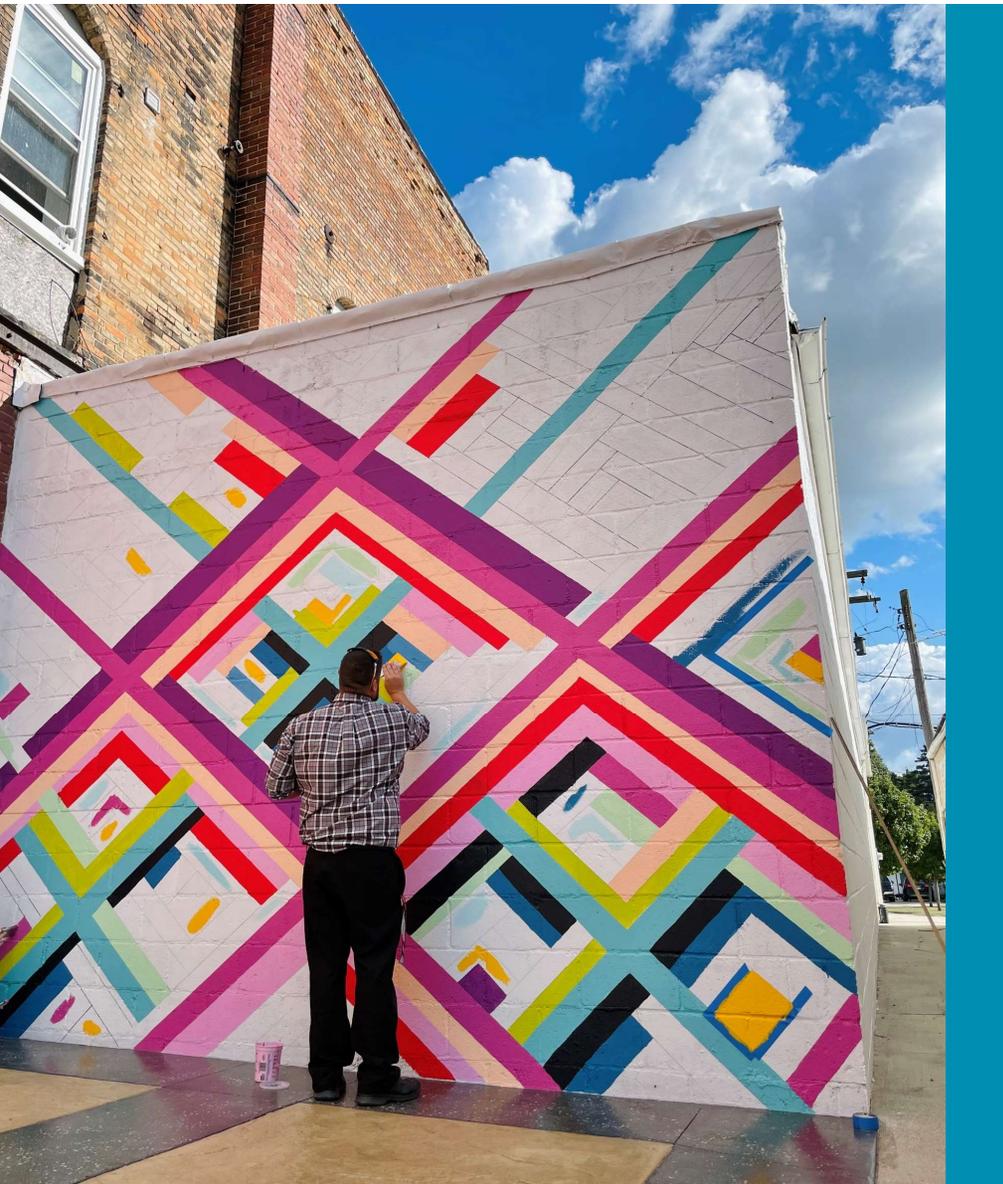
- Video Franchise Fees: House Bill 4965
- Property Tax Exemptions for Seniors: House Bill 4330
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: House Bill 4708
- Continuing Care: House Bill 5380
- Postmark Property Taxes: House Bill 5797



Casualties of the Chaos

- Public Safety Trust Fund: House Bills 4605 and 4606
- Dark Stores: House Bills 5865, 5866, 5867, and 5868
- Stormwater Utilities: Senate Bill 660
- Oath of Office: House Bills 5699, 5700, 5701, 5702
- Modernizing the Recreation Passport: House Bills 5428 and 5973





New Session, New Leadership

New Majority in the House

- Representative Matt Hall elected Speaker

Committees Announced

- Major emphasis on oversight
- Chairs announced for Appropriations, Oversight, and Judiciary
- Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee has been eliminated
- Legislators still waiting on their committee assignments

Major Priorities

- Tipped Wage and Paid Leave
- Road Funding

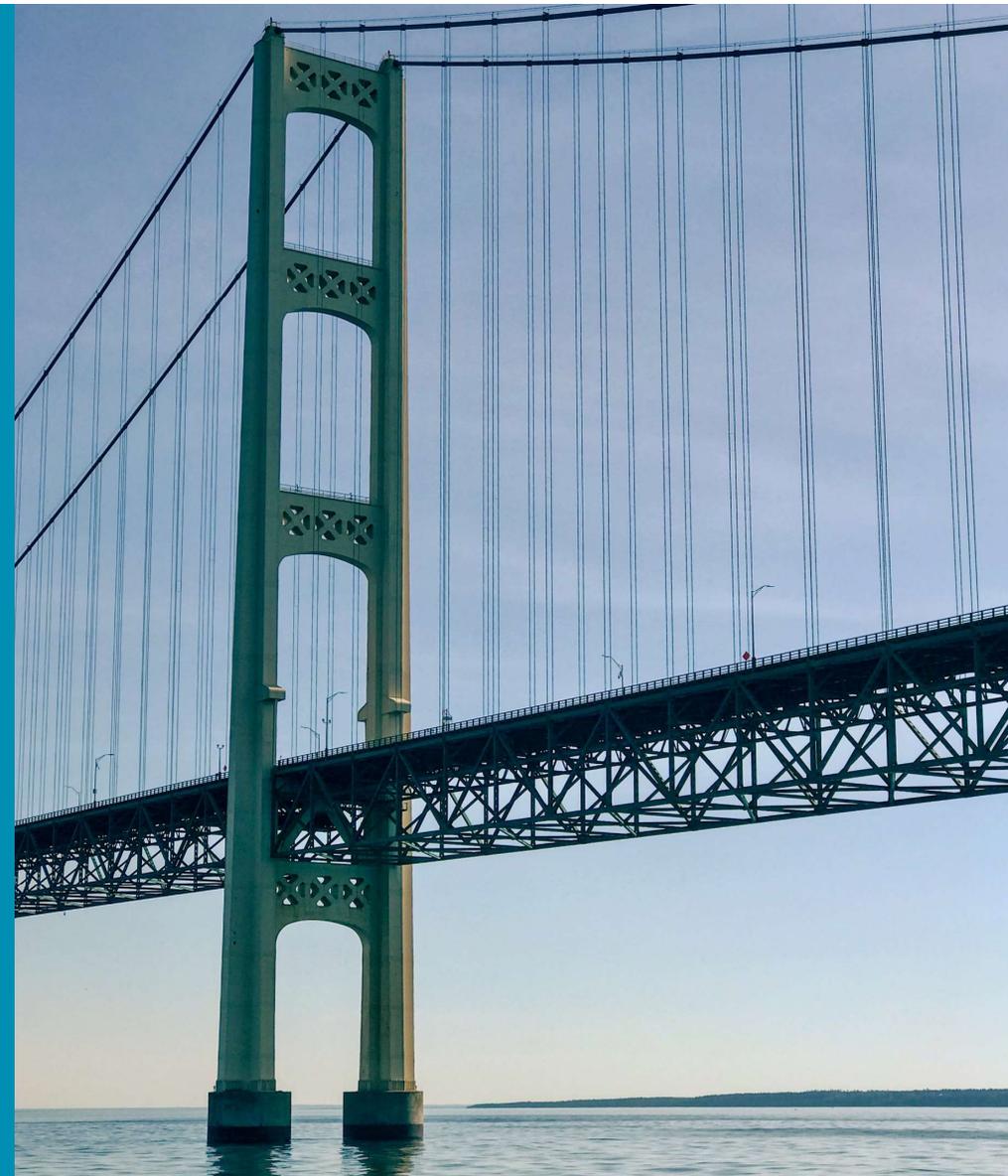
Paid Leave: Competing Legislative Proposals

House Bill 4002

- 50 employees or fewer exemption
- Independent Contractor/seasonal exemption
- Employers can limit carryover of unused benefits
- Employers can frontload 72 hours
- Compliance and discipline
- Reasonable documentation period

Senate Bill 15

- Differing definition of employer
- All employees
- 144 hours carry over with payout/288 without



House Republican Road Funding Proposal

The \$3.145B proposal includes:

- \$500M from eliminating older MEGA credits
- \$500M from preventing legislative earmarks, based on average annual spending levels of nearly \$600M
- \$600M in ongoing General Fund (GF) from higher tax collections
- \$500M from what have been automatic deposits into the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve (SOAR) Fund.
- \$50M from automatic deposits into Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Fund
- \$50M from automatic deposits into the Housing and Community Development (HCDF) Fund
- \$945M from permanently dedicating all taxes paid at the pump to road funding. The plan would remove the 6 percent sales tax on fuel and replace it with a revenue-neutral increase in the motor fuel tax, which goes entirely to roads.



Presidential Executive Orders

Common Questions League Members are Asking:

1. What is happening?
2. What is the impact?
3. What do we do?

How the League Helps our Members Move Forward:

- Concerned about the impact and committed to helping our members.
- Work with our Board of Trustees on how to best respond on behalf of our members.
- Will lean on our relationships with the White House, our congressional delegation, the National League of Cities, and other states league's.
- Provide timely updates and information.
 - Senator Slotkin hosting webinar on Jan 30 at 3:15pm.

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The League's 2025-26 Legislative Priorities to Foster Thriving Communities

Legislative Priorities



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2025-26 Legislative Priorities

- 01** Creation of a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
- 02** Addressing the Interaction Between Headlee and Proposal A
- 03** Creating a Neighborhood Roads Fund
- 04** Continue Funding for the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Program
- 05** Implementing an Employer Housing Tax Credit
- 06** Protecting Locals' Ability to Regulate Short-Term Rentals
- 07** Enacting the Michigan Mobility Trust Fund
- 08** Codify the Process for Implementing a Stormwater Utility



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Legislative Priorities 2025-26





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Thank You!