

Michigan Chamber of Commerce Applauds Michigan Senate for Passing Key Land Use Leadership Council Recommendation on Urban Revitalization

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce applauds the Michigan Senate for passing a key recommendation of the Land Use Leadership Council. With strong bi-partisan support, the Michigan Senate today passed (37-0) Senate Bills 805 and 806.

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Senate Bill 805, introduced by State Senator Patricia Birkholz (R-Saugatuck), would place \$75 million from the Clean Michigan Initiative approved in a statewide vote in 1998 into the local Brownfield grant and loan program. Senate Bill 806, introduced by State Senator Tom George (R-Texas Twp), would establish a revolving Brownfield redevelopment fund. Both bills would encourage urban revitalization.

"We applaud the Michigan Senate for passing this important legislation which was designed to implement a key recommendation of the Land Use Leadership Council that had unanimous support of Council members," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Jim Barrett, who served on the Land Use Leadership Council.

Senate Bills 805 and 806 will now be sent to the State House for consideration.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization which represents over 6,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.

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