

Rep. Switalski offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 423.

A resolution to urge the Governor to maximize the use of energy-efficiency measures and use LEED standards when designing, constructing, and renovating state-owned buildings.

Whereas, The State of Michigan owns dozens of office buildings and workspaces comprising nearly 10 million square feet of space. These buildings consume enormous amounts of energy for lighting, heating, cooling, and to run computers and other equipment. This energy consumption is responsible for significant greenhouse gas emissions and costs the state more than \$10 million per year; and

Whereas, Maximizing the use of energy-efficient measures, such as LED lighting, high R-factor building materials, low U-factor windows, and Energy Star-rated heating and cooling systems could significantly reduce the state's energy consumption, save millions of dollars, support local businesses and job creation, and reduce harmful emissions; and

Whereas, The LEED green building rating system is one of the most widely used measures of a building's energy efficiency, used by 88 Fortune 100 companies and hundreds of cities and states. A building that has been designed, renovated, built, operated and certified as compliant with LEED is recognized to provide reduced energy consumption and costs; reduced water consumption and costs; improved occupant comfort; a reduced carbon footprint and other beneficial environmental impacts; and improved building value and reduced operating costs. Nearly 20 states require that newly constructed or renovated state buildings achieve LEED or a similar level of certification; and

Whereas, Public Act 295 of 2008 established a goal to reduce state energy consumption by 25 percent by 2015 when compared to 2002. Public Act 295 also requires the Department of Technology, Management and Budget to examine the cost and benefit of using LEED building code standards when constructing or remodeling a state building and when leasing a building. As of June 2014, only the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority's leased office building in Lansing has achieved LEED certification. It is estimated to save Michigan taxpayers \$31,500 annually with a 1.23 year payback period; and

Whereas, The state should meet its own energy goals and requirements. This would demonstrate energy leadership, raise public awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency, and provide a model for the private sector; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Governor to maximize the use of energy-efficiency measures and use LEED standards when designing, constructing, and renovating state-owned buildings; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.