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Senate Bill 802 (as introduced 1-12-22)  
Sponsor: Senator Adam Hollier  
Committee: Agriculture

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would enact a new law to designate manoomin (*Zizania palustris* and *Zizania aquatica*), also known as Michigan wild rice, as the official native grain of Michigan. The bill states that "Manoomin is a sacred and important component to many wetlands and has a cultural significance to the indigenous people of this state".

### **BACKGROUND**

Wild rice is a persistent annual grass that grows in the Great Lakes region and reproduces each year from seed stock deposited in previous fall seasons. The plant typically grows in shallow to moderate water depths. Called "manoomin" by the Anishinaabeg people (a group of tribes including the Ojibwe), the plant is a cultural staple for those communities.

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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