

**Kalkaska County**  
**Opposition to SB299 & 300, HB4479 & 4480**  
**Resolution 2023-33**

**Whereas,** there are currently pending in the Michigan Legislature certain bills, SB 299, SB300, HB 4479 & HB 4480, which would impose statewide regulations for the implementation of and maintenance of septic systems; and

**Whereas,** these bills as presently drafted, would require inspection of all systems every five years and would impose much greater expenses and work hours on local public health departments; and

**Whereas,** the bills would dramatically increase the requirements for septic inspectors and make it much more difficult for local health departments to find, hire & retain qualified personnel; and

**Whereas,** the current legislation does not provide a permanent, secure funding mechanism to cover these increased costs, which will invariably be shifted to our local health departments, and

**Whereas,** the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners recognizes the critical importance of protecting the Michigan's water resources, including groundwater, lakes & streams, and other surface waters, but concludes that the bills do not provide a sustainable or financially feasible solution in areas that do not have the benefit of municipal sanitary systems; and

**Whereas,** soil types vary considerably throughout Michigan making it difficult to establish generalized "one size fits all" rules for septic systems.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners opposes SB299, SB300, HB 4479 and HB4480 as introduced and urges the Michigan Legislature to consider the costs to local health departments before adopting changes to the septic provisions of the Michigan Public Health Code.

**Therefore, Be it Further Resolved,** that this resolution shall be forwarded to the ten constituent counties within the DHD #10, members of the Michigan Legislature, and to other stakeholders.

Motion by Baldwin. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote:

Yeas: Baldwin, Comai, Bicum, Sweet, Fisher. 5 yeas.

0 Nays: 2 Absent, Crambell and Sieting.

Resolution declared approved:

Kohn Fisher Date 7-25-2023

Chair of Board of Commissioners, Kohn Fisher

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, in Kalkaska MI, with a quorum present.

Deborah Hill Date 7-19-23  
Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk