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House Transportation Committee Approves Bills Aimed At Job Creation

The House Transportation Committee today passed five bills of a six-bill package known as the "Next Michigan Development Act" (NMDA). The legislation, designed to spur economic activity and create jobs, would provide a major boost to Michigan's economy. Among the beneficiaries would be the Detroit Region Aerotropolis, which would create 60,000 new jobs.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano called today a "big step in the right direction," and urged lawmakers to keep the momentum going.

"I'm grateful for the leadership of Committee Chair Pam Byrnes in helping to move this package of bills, and we strongly urge the rest of the House and the Senate to adopt this legislation so that we can diversify our economy and create jobs for our citizens," Ficano said. "The time is now to begin creating the next Michigan economy."

The legislation has broad support and many allies. Among the key supporters today were the partnering governments involved with the Detroit Region Aerotropolis (Wayne and Washtenaw counties, the cities of Taylor, Romulus, Ypsilanti, and Belleville, and the townships of Huron, Ypsilanti, and Van Buren), as well as prominent business and labor leaders, including the Teamsters, Michigan Building Trades Council, Operating Engineers, Carpenters, Iron Workers, State AFL-CIO, and UAW.

The Next Michigan Development Act (NMDA) legislation will now move to the House floor for consideration.

For more information on the Detroit Region Aerotropolis, please visit www.detroitregionaerotropolis.com.