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House Bill 4822 (proposed substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Parker Fairbairn
Committee: Natural Resources and Tourism
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4822 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to require that the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) provide a live video stream of all its public meetings and do all the following:

- Publish on the NRC website the link to the livestream not less than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
- Make past meetings available for viewing on the NRC website.
- Maintain a public archive of all past meetings, organized and searchable by date and subject matter.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4822 may increase costs for the Department of Natural Resources by requiring the Natural Resources Commission to live stream commission meetings and to archive videos of past commission meetings. The extent of this cost increase is unclear and likely to vary by the technology employed and the technological infrastructure available at each meeting location. The Natural Resources Commission is funded by \$77,100 Gross (\$27,800 GF/GP) in FY 2025-26. Appropriations for the department total \$543.2 million Gross (\$73.0 million GF/GP) and 2,515.2 FTE positions in FY 2025-26. The bill is not likely to directly affect departmental revenues or local government costs or revenues.

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