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HUNTER WOODWARD TRAIN BILL PASSES SENATE, STANDS TO SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN DETROIT AREA

LANSING--State Senator Tupac A. Hunter (D-Detroit) said today that Senate passage of his bill, Senate Bill 1590, to create a street railway car system in Detroit will be a significant help to Detroit's economy by drawing more people and new businesses to the area.

"This is great news for Detroit and the surrounding communities," said Senator Hunter. "Building this kind of mass transportation to allow people to easily get to some of Detroit's main attractions will spur economic growth in the city, which will also help make surrounding communities even more attractive."

Senate Bill 1590 is part of a package of bipartisan Senate Bills that allow a nonprofit organization to build and operate a light rail system in Detroit. The light rail system would run for 3.4 miles down Woodward Avenue. Supporters have already raised \$100 million from private donors to build the system. The Senate bills are tie-barred to similar bills that have been introduced in the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill 1590 and the other bills in the package-Senate Bills 1588, 1589 and 1592-now go to the House of Representatives.

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Sen. Hunter represents the 5th district, which is comprised of northwest Detroit, Dearborn and Inkster. He serves as Minority Vice Chair of the Banking & Financial Institutions and the Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies Committees. He is also a member of the Commerce & Tourism and the Economic Development & Regulatory Reform Committees.