

Rep. Horn offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 134.

A resolution to urge Michigan's state executive departments to transmit required reports electronically.

Whereas, Information is essential to sound policymaking and administration. Fittingly, a considerable amount of energy and resources go into the gathering of information on virtually all types of governmental programs. Reports that chronicle the impact of these programs are important tools for the state; and

Whereas, In spite of the considerable advances Michigan has made in utilizing the Internet and other computer technology, there remain many instances in which information is transmitted through printed reports. While there may be occasions when this is necessary, it would seem to be far more prudent for state government to do all it can to save time and money by delivering its various reports and notices electronically. With the options of attaching whole documents or sending links to web sites that hold the information, there is little reason not to require this practice; and

Whereas, With the current financial difficulties facing our state, every avenue for savings must be explored; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge Michigan's state executive departments to transmit required reports electronically whenever possible; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Management and Budget.