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A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 9:08 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Absent: None

Excused: Hunter

Senator Nofs motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of April 13, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- SB 271 Sen. Brandenburg - Administrative procedure; rules; regulatory impact statement; require certain information to be included.
- SB 272 Sen. Kowall - Administrative procedure; rules; use of certain orders, bulletins, and guidelines; establish limit and provide for regulatory flexibility for small businesses.
- SB 274 Sen. Pappageorge - Administrative procedure; joint committee; authority of joint committee on administrative rules; clarify.
- SR 27 Sen. Kowall - A resolution to urge the President of the United States to impose a moratorium on any new regulations and to memorialize the Congress of the United States enact the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act.

(Testimony Only)

- SB 273 Sen. Robertson - Administrative procedure; rules; 1984 PA 27; update reference to administrative procedures act.
- SB 276 Sen. Robertson - Administrative procedure; rules; state office of administrative hearings and rules; require posting of legal and policy bases and assessment of impact of the rules on the private sector.
- SB 277 Sen. Hildenbrand - Environmental protection; other; NREPA programs; require peer review.
- SB 278 Sen. Hansen - Administrative procedure; rules; review of existing and new rules; provide for on a periodic basis.
- SB 279 Sen. Pavlov - Environmental protection; other; stratified random sampling process; establish for inspections under NREPA.
- Presentation by Dr. William Oliver from the Lucas Group to discuss a public policy study to evaluate and recommend reforms to restore balance to Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

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Andy Such representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB271-SB274 and SB276-SB279.

James Clift representing the Michigan Environmental Council gave verbal testimony opposed to SB271-SB274, SB276-SB279, and SR27.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards of support but did not wish to speak:

Matt Smego representing the Michigan Farm Bureau

- SB271, SB272, SB274, SB278, SB277 supports concept, SB279 supports concept

Bill Lievens representing the Michigan Chemistry Council

- SB271-SB274, SB276-SB278, SB279 supports concept but needs clarification

Jason Geer representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce

- SB271-SB274, SB276-SB278, SB279 supports concept

Amanda Radaz representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses

- SB271, SB272, SB274, SR27

Dave Worthams representing the Michigan Bankers Association

- SB271-SB274, SB276

David Fiedler representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

- SB277, SB279 supports concept

Wendy Block representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce gave a brief explanation of the current situation regarding Michigan's unemployment insurance. Ms. Block then introduced Dr. William Oliver of the Lucas Group.

Dr. William Oliver of the Lucas Group gave a presentation regarding a public policy study to evaluate and recommend reforms to restore balance to Michigan's Unemployment Insurance trust Fund. Dr. Oliver then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, that the committee adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB271.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee report SB271 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee give SB271 S-1 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee report SB272 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Smith

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee give SB272 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

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Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, that the committee adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB274.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Smith

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report SB274 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Smith

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, that the committee give SB274 S-1 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, that the committee report with recommendation that SR27 be adopted.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall announced that due time constraints of Senate Session, testimony and discussion on SB273 and SB276-SB279 would be taken up at the next committee meeting.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned to excuse Senator Smith from committee.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: May 3, 2011

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)