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A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 1:35 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- HB 4452 Rep. Yonker - Employment security; benefits; eligibility of educational contractor employees; revise.
- HB 4788 Rep. Santana - Economic development; plant rehabilitation; definition of "industrial property"; expand to include certain federal reserve bank operations.
- SB 566 Sen. Pappageorge - State financing and management; funds; community revitalization program; provide for.
- SB 567 Sen. Kowall - State financing and management; funds; community revitalization program; provide for.
- SB 568 Sen. Hansen - State financing and management; funds; community revitalization program; provide for.
- SB 410 Sen. Richardville - Transportation; funds; a new international bridge crossing act; create.
- SB 411 Sen. Richardville - Transportation; authorities; authority created under the new international bridge crossing act; include as an eligible governmental agency under the state trunk line highway system act.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee adopt the minutes of September 7, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall announced that prior testimony had been submitted to the committee on HB4452, HB4788, SB566, SB567, and SB568 on September 7, 2011. Senator Kowall asked the committee members and audience if anyone would like to submit new testimony, which there was none.

Senator Hildenbrand offered an amendment to HB4452 and gave verbal testimony explaining the amendment.

The following individual submitted a testimony card in support of HB4452 but did not wish to speak:
Neil MacVicar representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to adopt the Hildenbrand Amendment #1 to HB4452.
Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter, Smith
Nays: None
The motion prevailed.

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Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to report with recommendation HB4452 as amended as a clean substitute S-1.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, to give immediate effect to HB4452 as amended as a clean substitute S-1.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Smith motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, to report with recommendation HB4788.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, to give immediate effect to HB4788.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall relayed that there was a substitute S-2 to SB566. Senator Kowall gave verbal testimony explaining the substitute.

Peter Anastor representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) gave verbal testimony further explaining the substitute S-2 to SB566. Mr. Anastor then answered questions from committee members.

The following individual submitted a testimony card in support of SB566-SB568 but did not wish to speak:

Andy Schor representing the Michigan Municipal League

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to adopt the substitute S-2 to SB566.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, to report with recommendation SB566 S-2.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, to give immediate effect to SB566 S-2.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall relayed that there was a substitute S-2 to SB567. Senator Kowall gave verbal testimony explaining the substitute.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to adopt the substitute S-2 SB567.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Smith, to report with recommendation SB567 S-2.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Smith, to give immediate effect to SB567 S-2.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall relayed that there was a substitute S-2 to SB568. Senator Kowall gave verbal testimony explaining the substitute.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to adopt the substitute S-2 to SB568.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to report with recommendation SB568 S-2.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to give immediate effect to SB568 S-2.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Brad Williams with the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, representing the New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Coalition gave both verbal and written testimony in support of SB410 and SB411. Mr. Williams then answered questions from committee members.

The committee members held a public discussion on the specific NITC related topics for which they believe they need more information. The Senate Economic Development Committee determined in an open forum that there were five issue areas for which it needed additional information for SB410 and SB411. These issue areas have been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, September 21st:	Auto Industry
Wednesday, September 28th:	Local Community Impacts
Wednesday, October 5th:	Traffic Projections
Wednesday, October 12th:	Financial Impacts and Costs / Gateway Project
Wednesday, October 19th:	Legal Issues

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: September 28, 2011

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