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SENATOR JUDY EMMONS, CHAIR

MINUTES
July 18, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at 9:00a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 100.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Chairwoman Emmons, Sen. (s) Rocca, Nofs and Gregory.

Excused: NONE

Absent: NONE

A quorum was established.

The chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 6, 2012 meeting. Senator Nofs so moved. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Chairwoman Emmons announced the order of business:

Report:

- SB 904 Sen. Hune Human services; services or financial assistance; suspicion-based drug testing for public assistance recipients; require.
- SB 905 Sen. Hune Human services; other; public assistance recipients to perform community service as a condition of eligibility; require.
- HB 5223 Rep. Farrington Human services; services or financial assistance; applicant substance abuse testing; include in eligibility criteria for family independence assistance program benefits.

Chairwoman Emmons allowed verbal testimony from the following people concerning HB 5223, SB 904 and SB 905. They then answered questions for the committee:

- Mel Haga, Michigan County Social Services Association – Support (HB 5223, SB 904)
- Judith Lincoln, Center for Civil Justice – Oppose (HB 5223, SB 904)
- Karyn Ferrick, Department of Human Services Administration – Neutral (HB 5223, SB 904, SB 905)
- Bryan Brandenburg, Office of Representative Farrington – Support (HB 5223)
- Frances Carley, Senate Fiscal Analysis – Neutral (HB 5223, SB 904, SB 905)

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning HB 5223, SB 904 and SB 905.

- Mel Haga, Michigan County Social Services Association – Support (SB 905)
- Rachael Siemen, UAW Local 600 – Oppose (HB 5223, SB 904, SB 905)
- Bill Kandler, Mental Health Association in Michigan – Oppose (HB 5223, SB 904, SB 905)

The following people submitted written testimony concerning HB 5223, SB 904 and SB 905.

- Mel Haga, Michigan County Social Services Association – Support (HB 5223, SB 904)
- Judith Lincoln, Center for Civil Justice – Oppose (HB 5223)

Senator Nofs introduced and explained an amendment to the (S-4) Substitute to SB 904.

Senator Rocca entered the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion to adopt the Nofs Amendment to SB 904 (S-4). Senator Nofs so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Emmons, Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: NONE

The Amendment was adopted.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion to adopt the (S-4) Substitute to SB 904 as amended. Senator Nofs so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Emmons, Rocca and Nofs

Nays: Gregory

The (S-4) Substitute was adopted.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion to report SB 904 (S-4) as Amended as a clean Substitute with recommendation. Senator Nofs so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Emmons, Rocca and Nofs.

Nays: Gregory

The bill was reported.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion by Senator Nofs to give SB 904 immediate effect. Without objection SB 904 was given immediate effect.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) Substitute to SB 905. Senator Nofs so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Emmons, Rocca and Nofs

Nays: Gregory

The (S-1) Substitute was adopted.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion to report SB 905 (S-1) with recommendation. Senator Nofs so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Emmons, Rocca and Nofs.

Nays: Gregory

The bill was reported.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion by Senator Nofs to give SB 905 immediate effect. Without objection SB 905 was given immediate effect.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion to adopt the (S-3) Substitute to HB 5223. Senator Nofs so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Emmons, Rocca and Nofs

Nays: Gregory

The (S-3) substitute was adopted.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion to report HB 5223 (S-3) with recommendation. Senator Nofs so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Emmons, Rocca and Nofs.

Nays: Gregory

The bill was reported.

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion by Senator Rocca to give HB 5223 immediate effect. Without objection HB 5223 was given immediate effect.

Being no further business before the Committee, Chairwoman Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:36 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: September 12, 2012

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