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HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

SENATOR JIM MARLEAU, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren, and Gleason

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adoption of the May 19, 2011, minutes
- Presentation to provide members with an overview of the Certificate of Need Commission, by Chairperson James Falahee, Vice-Chairperson Edward Goldman, and Evaluation Manager Larry Horvath.
- HB 4441 Rep. Foster Health facilities; certificate of need; inconsistent requirements applicable to hospitals with swing beds in short-term nursing care programs; eliminate.
- HB 4442 Rep. Haines Administrative procedure; rules; definition of rule; revise to reflect elimination of state law regarding federal swing-bed program.
- HB 4443 Rep. Muxlow Human services; medical services; medicaid payments for swing-bed services; revise reference to reflect elimination of state law regarding the federal program.
- SB 390 Sen. Marleau Health facilities; certificate of need; minimum volume requirements or volume projections by vascular access center applicant for certificate of need; clarify.

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Health Policy Committee Minutes of May 19, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was a presentation to provide members with an overview of the Certificate of Need Commission, by Chairperson James Falahee, Vice-Chairperson Edward Goldman, and Evaluation Manager Larry Horvath.

Bret Jackson and Dennis McCafferty, representing the Economic Alliance, spoke in support of the Certificate of Need process.

Scott Lyon with the Small Business Association of MI, submitted a card in support of the Certificate of Need process, but did not wish to speak.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was House Bills 4441-4443. The Legislative Aide for Representative Foster, Jason Puscas, gave testimony explaining the legislation.

Representative Gail Haines, sponsor of House Bill 4442, was in attendance and available to answer questions if needed.

Representative Muxlow's Legislative Aide, Chad Arnold, was also in attendance and available to answer any questions.

Chris Mitchell of the MI Health and Hospital Association submitted a card in support of the bill.

Jeff McAlvey on behalf of the Mackinac Straights Hospital submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 390. As the sponsor of the bill, Senator Marleau gave testimony explaining the legislation and the (S-1) version before the members.

Andrew Krass and Joe Garcia representing Lifeline spoke in support of Senate Bill 390.

Being no further testimony, Senator Marleau turned the members' attention back to House Bills 4441-4443.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to report House Bill 4441 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Gleason

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4441. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Jones offered a motion to report House Bill 4442 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Gleason

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4442. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further testimony, Senator Jones offered a motion to report House Bill 4443 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Gleason

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4443. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the members would return to Senate Bill 390.

Senator Jones left the room at 3:30 p.m.

Senator Marleau made a motion to adopt the (S-1) language of Senate Bill 390.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Schuitmaker, Warren, and Gleason

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:33 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: June 9, 2011

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