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HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

SENATOR JIM MARLEAU, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower. Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 1:37 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 December 7, 2011 minutes
- SB 414 Sen. Green Insurance; health care corporations; coverage for certain treatment related to autism; provide for.
- SB 415 Sen. Hunter Insurance; health; coverage for certain treatment related to autism; provide for.
- SB 981 Sen. Richardville Insurance; health; autism coverage incentive act; create. Creates new act.

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Health Policy Committee Minutes of December 7, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Bills 414, 415 and 981.

As the sponsor of the measure, Senate Majority Leader Richardville and Teri Ambs, Legislative Director, gave testimony on Senate Bill 981.

Senators Green and Hunter, as sponsors of Senate Bill 414-15, gave an overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified in support of the bills:

- Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley
- David Meador, EVP/CFO of DTE & Co-Chair of the Autism Alliance of Michigan (AAOM)
- Dr. Colleen Allen, Director, Henry Ford Health System Autism Center/Director, AAOM
- Dr. Mohan Krishnan, Clinical Director, Hope Network Autism Center
- Michael Wasmer, Associate Director, State Government Affairs, Autism Speaks
- Zachary Lassiter, Kalamazoo Regional Interagency Consumer Committee

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the bills:

- Dr. Judith Kovach, Dr. Leigh White, and Amy Zaagman, Partners for Parity Coalition
- Sarah Roberts, The Economic Alliance for Michigan

The Chair announced there were more testimony cards but due to time constraints the Committee would schedule another meeting to continue hearing testimony on the matter.

Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:18 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: March 6, 2012

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