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Senate Committee on Insurance Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 2:32 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 100.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senator(s) Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, and Bieda

Absent: NONE

Excused: NONE

A quorum was established.

The chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 6, 2012 meeting. Senator Robertson so moved. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB 429 Sen. Schuitmaker Insurance; health; standardized prior authorization form for prescription drugs; require.
- SB 430 Sen. Marleau Insurance; health care corporations; standardized prior authorization form for prescription drugs; require.
- SB 514 Sen. Smith Insurance; no-fault; low-cost automobile insurance pilot program; provide for.

Senator Schuitmaker and Senator Marleau provided a brief overview of SB 429 and 430.

Senator Hune invited Doctor Steve Newman from the Michigan State Medical Society to testify in support of SB 429-430.

At 2:45 p.m. Senator Bieda entered the meeting.

Senator Hune invited Doctor Kurt Anderson from the Michigan Osteopathic Association to testify in support of SB 429-430.

At 2:50 p.m. Senator Hansen entered the meeting.

Senator Hune invited Doctor Bill Morrone from the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians to testify in support of SB 429-430.

Senator Hune acknowledged those who submitted testimony cards in support of SB 429-430 but did not wish to speak:

- Christine O'Brien from the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians.
- Mike Degrow from the Michigan Academy of Physicians Assistants.
- Christine Shearer from the Michigan Association of Health Plans.
- Brad Comment from the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association.
- Chris Mitchell from the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Senator Hune acknowledged those who submitted testimony cards in opposition of SB 429-430 but did not wish to speak:

- Dave Ladd from Medco Health Solutions

Senator Hune acknowledged those who submitted testimony cards neutral to SB 429-430 but did not wish to speak:

- Deidra Wilson from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Senator Hune entertained a motion to adopt Substitute (S-1) to SB 429. Senator Marleau so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda.

Nays: NONE

The substitute was adopted.

Senator Hune called for a motion to report SB 429 with recommendation. Senator Smith so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda.

Nays: NONE

The bill was reported.

Next, the chairman entertained a motion to give SB 429 immediate effect. Senator Brandenburg so moved.

Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Senator Hune called for a motion to report SB 430 with recommendation. Senator Bieda so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda.

Nays: NONE

The bill was reported.

Next, the chairman entertained a motion to give SB 430 immediate effect. Senator Hansen so moved. Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Senator Smith gave a brief overview of SB 514.

Senator Hune invited Melvin Butch Hollowell from the Comprehensive Perl Archive Network (CPAN) to testify in opposition of SB 514.

Senator Hune invited Bryan Waldman from the Michigan Association for Justice to testify in opposition of SB 514.

Senator Hune invited Pete Kuhnmuensch from the Insurance Institute of Michigan to testify in support of SB

514.

Senator Hune acknowledged those who submitted testimony cards in opposition of SB 514 but did not wish to speak:

- Peter Ruddell from the Henry Ford Health System.
- Kevin McKinney from the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council.
- Chris Mitchell from the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.
- Scott Hummel from the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents.

Senator Hune acknowledged those who submitted testimony cards in support of SB 514 but did not wish to speak:

- Dave Field from Allstate Insurance (Supports concept of low-cost pilot program).

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:39 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 4/24/12

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