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## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Members Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith  
Members Excused: Senator Hunter

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Senator Kowall called the meeting to order.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Smith, to adopt the Economic Development Committee Rules. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Smith (4/7)

Nays: None (0)

Pass: None (0)

Excused: Senators Emmons, Hansen, Hunter (3)

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- SB 123 (Sen. Hildenbrand) State financing and management; funds; funding for purchase of land and development of certain convention facilities; provide for.
- SB 29 (Sen. Bieda) Trade; hazardous substances; addition of bittering agent to antifreeze; require.

Senator Kowall placed before the committee Senate Bill 123 (Sen. Hildenbrand). Senator Hildenbrand explained the bill to committee members and answered questions. Senator Hildenbrand offered and explained his amendment to the bill.

Senator Hansen entered the committee room at 1:33 p.m.

Senator Emmons entered the committee room at 1:34 p.m.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 123 and answered questions from committee members:

- John Van Fossen, Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention Arena Authority—Support

The following persons submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 123:

- James McBryde, Michigan Economic Development Corporation—Support
- Jim Miller, City of Grand Rapids—Support
- John Van Fossen, Grand Action—Support
- John Van Fossen, Right Place Inc.—Support

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, to adopt the Hildenbrand Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 123.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Hunter

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 123 as amended as a clean substitute.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Hunter

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nofs motioned to recommend immediate effect to Senate Bill 123.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall placed before the committee Senate Bill 29 (Sen. Bieda). Senator Bieda explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Smith, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 29.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Hunter

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith motioned to recommend immediate effect to Senate Bill 29.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Smith motioned to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:45 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: February 27, 2013

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