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## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 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 Emmons, that the committee adopt the minutes of March 6, 2013. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- SB 256 (Kowall)—Economic development; other; Michigan supply chain management development commission revisions; provide for.
- SB 257 (Kowall)—Economic development; other; business improvement districts; modify.

Senator Kowall placed before the committee Senate Bill 256 (Sen. Kowall).

Senator Smith entered the committee room at 1:37 p.m.

Senator Hansen entered the committee room at 1:38 p.m.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 256 and answered questions from committee members:

- Jim McBryde and Peter Anastor, Michigan Economic Development Corporation--Support

The following persons submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 256:

- Tina Dupont, myself—Oppose

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 256.

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 256.  
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall placed before the committee Senate Bill 257 (Sen. Kowall) for testimony.

The following persons testified and answered questions on Senate Bill 257:

- Susan Hopkins & Cameron Piggott, Downtown Detroit Partnership—Support
- Deb Dansby, Rock Ventures—Support
- Christine Seppala, Strategic Staffing Solutions and Cindy Pasky—Support
- Steve Marquardt, Compuware—Support
- Charles Burns, Penske Corporation—Support
- David Dirita, Roxburg Group and Downtown Detroit Partnership—Support

The following persons submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 257:

- Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Kristin Kraft, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan—Support
- Andrew Doerr, Dykema Gossett PLLC—Support
- Tiffany Watrous, Detroit Regional Chamber—Support
- Tina Dupont, citizen—Oppose
- Brian Kandler, Detroit Renewable Energy—Support
- James McBryde, Michigan Economic Development Corporation—Support
- Jim Murray, AT&T—Support
- Mark Stadt, DTE Energy—Support

Senator Nofs 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 2:43 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: March 20, 2013

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