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DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Friday, June 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the Garden View Room, Frederik Meijer Gardens, 1000 East Beltline Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith, Ananich
Members Excused: none

Senator Kowall called the meeting to order.

Senator Smith motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, that the committee adopt the minutes of May 22, 2013. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Emmons motioned to excuse absent members. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- Presentations on Economic Development and Investment, Workforce Development and Education, and the Impact of Health Care in West Michigan.

Senator Kowall turned the gavel over to Senator Hildenbrand to chair the committee meeting. Senator Hildenbrand gave opening remarks on the topic before the committee.

Senator Nofs entered the committee room at 10:20 a.m.

Senator Hildenbrand called for the following persons to give presentations to and to answer questions from committee members:

- Dr. Paul Isley, Grand Valley State University
- Jim Green, Executive Director of Human Resources, Lacks Enterprises
- Rick Chapla, Right Place
- Bryan Harrison, Amway/Alticor
- Doug Small, Experience Grand Rapids
- Mike Houseman, President, Wolverine Building Group
- Kara Wood, Director of Economic Development, City of Grand Rapids
- Dr. Jerry Callahan, Vice President of Business Development, Van Andel Institute
- Chris Glass, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce

- Jacob Maas, Area Community Services Employment and Training Council

Senator Hildenbrand gave closing remarks to the committee on the day's presentations.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Hildenbrand adjourned the meeting without objection at 11:50 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee:

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