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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Members Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Members Excused: Senator Ananich

Senator Kowall called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- SB 553 (Sen. Kahn) – Economic development; renaissance zones; extension of certain existing renaissance zones; provide for.
- SB 580 (Sen. Casperson) – Economic development; renaissance zones; requirements for certain renaissance zones and certain qualified eligible next Michigan businesses; modify.
- SB 611 (Sen. Kowall) – Economic development; other; collection of interest on delinquent assessment; modify.
- SB 623 (Sen. Kowall) – Businesses; nonprofit corporations; nonprofit corporation act; make general revisions.
- SB 624 (Sen. Jones) – Businesses; charitable organizations; act relating to dissolution of domestic charitable purpose corporations; provide for general revisions.
- SB 625 (Sen. Bieda) – Businesses; nonprofit corporations; definition of corporation in Michigan limited liability company act; include nonprofit corporations.
- SB 629 (Sen. Jones) – State financing and management; bonds; refund of certain building authority bonds; extend sunset.

- SB 630 (Sen. Jones) – Economic development; tax increment financing; refund of certain tax increment finance bonds; extend sunset.

Senator Hildenbrand, supported by senator Smith, moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2013, and October 17, 2013. Without objection, it was so moved.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning SB 553:

- James McBryde, Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) – Neutral
- Jim Smiertka, Prima Civitas – Neutral

Senator Nofs, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, motioned to adopt the S-1 Substitute to SB 553.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Senator Ananich

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 553.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Senator Ananich

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, moved to recommend immediate effect. Without objection, it was so moved.

The Chairman called forward Marty Fittante of Senator Casperson's office, as well as Jim McBryde of the MEDC to explain SB 580. The two then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak concerning SB 580:

- Jim Smiertka, Prima Civitas – Neutral

Senator Nofs, supported by Senator Smith, motioned to adopt the S-1 Substitute to SB 580.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Senator Ananich

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 580.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Senator Ananich

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith, supported by Senator Nofs, moved to recommend immediate effect. Without objection, it was so moved.

The Chairman explained SB 611 to the committee and answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak concerning SB 611:

- Linda Freybler, Battle Creek and Calhoun County, Michigan Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus (CVB) – Support
- Chris Rowley, Mount Pleasant Area CVB – Support

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning SB 611:

- Lisa Shanley, South Haven CVB – Support
- Douglas Smau, Experience Grand Rapids – Support

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 611.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Senator Ananich

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith, supported by Senator Emmons, moved to recommend immediate effect. Without objection, it was so moved.

The Chairman invited forward Mark Lezotte and Jane Forbes of the Non Profit Corporation Committee State Bar Business Section to explain SB 623, SB 624, and SB 625. The two then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak concerning SB 623, SB 624, and SB 625:

- Ann Baker, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) – Neutral
- Al Schefke, LARA – Neutral

The Chairman invited forward Randy Hannan and Bryan Lefler of the City of Lansing to explain SB 629 and SB 630. The two then answered questions for committee members.

Senator Hildenbrand, supported by Senator Emmons, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 629.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Nofs

Excused: Senator Ananich

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand, supported by Senator Emmons, moved to recommend immediate effect. Without objection, it was so moved.

Senator Hildenbrand, supported by Senator Emmons, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 630.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: Senator Ananich

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, moved to recommend immediate effect. Without objection, it was so moved.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:41 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: October 30, 2013

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