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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren, and Johnson

Absent:

Excused: Senators Hune and Ananich

Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adopt the minutes from the January 21, 2014 meeting
- HB 4941 (Rep. Haines) – Occupations; nurses; expiration date for issuance of temporary license to nurses licensed in Canada; remove.
- SB 446 (Sen. Booher) – Health facilities; hospitals; requirements applicable to hospitals providing extended care services through swing beds; clarify.
- SB 617 (Sen. Marleau) – Health; disabilities; brain injury law of Michigan; create.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting and, without objection, they were adopted.

Senator Warren motioned to excuse absent members and, without objection, they were excused.

The Chairman called forward Josh Kluzak, of Representative Haines' office, to explain House Bill 4941 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning House Bill 4941:

- Frank Waters, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) – Support
- Carol Moulton, LARA – Support
- Chris Mitchell, Michigan Health and Hospital Association – Support

The Chairman called forward Senator Booher to explain Senate Bill 446 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning Senate Bill 446:

- Dan Babcock, Marlette Regional Hospital – Support
- Peter Marinoff, Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital – Support
- Brian Brasser, Spectrum Health – Support
- Scott Lombard, Spectrum Health Reed City Hospital – Support
- Chris Mitchell, Michigan Health and Hospital Association – Support
- Brian Barrie, Michigan Department of Community Health – Neutral

The Chairman next explained Senate Bill 617 and answered questions for committee members. The Chairman invited Michael Dabbs and Tom Constand of the Brain Injury Association to further explain the bill and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak concerning Senate Bill 617:

- Chris Rodriguez, Michigan Protection and Advocacy – Support

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning Senate Bill 617:

- Lynn Brouwers, Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council – Support
- Michael Daeschlein, Administration of the Michigan Department of Community Health – Support

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:58 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: January 29, 2014

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