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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 100.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Reported SB 738 (Sen. Caswell) with recommendation and immediate effect.
2. Reported SB 993 (Sen. Marleau) with recommendation and immediate effect.
3. Reported SB 1033 (Sen. Colbeck) with recommendation and immediate effect.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Smith, and Bieda

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Robertson

A quorum was established.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the committee meeting minutes from the June 10, 2014 meeting. Sen. Bieda so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman moved to excuse absent members, supported by Sen. Bieda. Without objection, absent members were excused.

The Chairman announced the next item on the agenda, SB 738 and invited Senator Caswell to give a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 738:

- Dan Voss, Michigan Department of Community Health – Support

Senator Brandenburg entered at 2:35 p.m.

Senator Marleau entered at 2:38 p.m.

The following submitted testimony cards regarding SB 738, but did not wish to speak:

- Christine Shearer, Michigan Association of Health Plans – Support
- Peter Kuhnmuensch, Insurance Institution of Michigan – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 738 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Marleau so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Smith, and Bieda

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 738. Sen. Bieda so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman announced the next item on the agenda, SB 1033 and invited Senator Colbeck to give a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 1033:

- Matt McCord, MD, Docs 4 Patient Care – Support
- John Blanchard, MD, Premire Private Physicians – Support
- Thomas Valenti, Forthright Health – Support
- Annie Patnaude, Americans for Prosperity – Support
- Collin Ford, Michigan State Medical Society – Support

The following submitted testimony cards regarding SB 1033, but did not wish to speak:

- Christin Nohner, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians – Neutral

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 1033 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Marleau so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, and Hansen

Nays: Senator Smith and Bieda

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 1033. Sen. Marleau so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman announced the next item on the agenda, SB 993 and invited Senator Marleau to give a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 993:

- Dan Tripp, Health Care Compact Alliance – Support

The following submitted testimony cards regarding SB 993, but did not wish to speak:

- Paige Fults, Michigan Health and Hospital Association – Oppose
- Derdra Wilson, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan – Oppose
- Garm Reed, Michigan Association of Health Underwriters – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 993 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Marleau so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Hune, Marleau, Brandenburg, and Hansen

Nays: Senators Smith and Bieda

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 993. Sen. Brandenburg so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Seeing no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee:

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