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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at 1:07 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Committee members present: Cassis (C), Gilbert (Maj. VC), Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs (Min VC), Whitmer, Cherry.

Committee members absent: None

Senator Cassis gave opening remarks regarding the order of business:

- SB773 Sen. Cassis - Economic development; Michigan economic growth authority; limitation on issuance of MEGA credits; modify.
- SB774 Sen. Cassis - Michigan business tax; credit; cap on Michigan economic growth authority credits; provide for.
- HB 4922 Rep. Clemente - Economic development; Michigan economic growth authority; credits on regular and high-tech retention MEGAs; modify.

Senator Cassis sponsor of SB773 and SB774 gave verbal testimony explaining the bills. Senator Cassis noted that there were four handouts prepared by the Senate Fiscal Agency available for review. Senator Cassis then answered questions from committee members.

Greg Main and James McBryde representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) gave verbal testimony in support of SB773, SB774, and HB4922. Mr. Main and Mr. McBryde then answered questions from committee members.

David Hardee representing Clairvoyant Energy gave verbal testimony in support of HB4922. Mr. Hardee then answered questions from committee members.

Carlos Coe representing Extreme Power gave verbal testimony in support of HB4922. Mr. Coe then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of HB4922 but did not wish to speak:

Mike Dornan representing the City of Wixom
Mayor Kevin Hinkley representing the City of Wixom
Charles Devries representing Automation Alley
Charlie Pryde and Phil Horlom representing Ford Motor Company

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Mike Johnston representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association gave verbal testimony in support of HB4922, SB773, and SB774 with a few changes. Mr. Johnston then answered questions from committee members.

Maureen Krausse representing the Oakland County Economic Development gave verbal testimony in support of HB4922, SB773, and SB774 with amendments. Ms. Krausse then answered questions from committee members.

Richard Barr, Attorney at Law representing himself gave verbal testimony neutral to HB4922, SB773, and SB774. Mr. Barr then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Cassis read into the record written testimony received from JoAnn Crary representing Saginaw Future in support of HB4922.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Jacobs seconded, that the committee adopt substitute S-3 to SB773.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Cherry

Nays: None

Not present: Whitmer

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gilbert offered amendment #1 to SB773 S-3

Senator Gilbert motioned, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee adopt the Gilbert amendment #1 to SB773 S-3.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge

Nays: Cherry

Pass: Jacobs, Whitmer

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jacobs offered amendment #2 to SB773 S-3.

After some discussion, Senator Jacobs withdrew her amendment.

Senator Cherry offered amendment #3 to SB773 S-3.

Senator Jacobs motioned, and Senator Whitmer seconded, that the committee adopt the Cherry amendment #3 to SB773 S-3.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Cherry seconded, that the committee report SB773 S-3 as amended as a clean substitute with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Gilbert motioned, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee adopt substitute S-1 to SB774.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Cherry

Nays: None

Not Present: Whitmer

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jansen motioned, and Senator Pappageorge seconded, that the committee report SB774 S-1 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Cherry

Nays: None

Not Present: Whitmer

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee adopt substitute S-3 to HB4922.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cherry offered amendment #1 to HB4922 S-3.

After some discussion, Senator Cherry withdrew her amendment.

Senator Cassis announced that there would be no further action on HB4922 S-3.

Senator Cassis adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Clerk

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee