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DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, November 4, 2010, at 11:31 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

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

Senator Cassis gave opening remarks regarding the order of business:

Hearing Only:

- HB 5550 Rep. Mayes Local government; financing; issuing of a refund obligation; provide for.
- HB 5551 Rep. Moore Local government; bonds; certain requirements for issuance of a municipal security; provide for.
- HB 5552 Rep. Hammel Economic development; downtown development authorities; issuance of a refunding obligation; provide for.
- HB 5553 Rep. Melton Economic development; tax increment financing; issuance of a refunding obligation; provide for.
- HB 5554 Rep. Byrum Economic development; local development financing; issuance of a refunding obligation; provide for.
- Follow up discussion on Senate Fiscal Agency Issue Paper, Film Incentives in Michigan by David Zin Economist, Non-Partisan Senate Fiscal Agency.

Representative Mayes, bill sponsor of HB5550, gave verbal testimony explaining and in support of HB5550-HB5554. Representative Mayes then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Cassis announced that there was a substitute S-2 to HB5550. Senator Cassis explained the details of the Senate substitute.

Summer Minnick representing the Michigan Municipal League and Shea Charles representing the City of Howell gave verbal testimony in support of HB5550-HB5554. Ms. Minnick and Mr. Charles then answered questions from committee members.

Joel Piell representing Miller Canfield and various cities gave verbal testimony in support of HB5550-HB5554. Mr. Piell then answered questions from committee members.

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Mayor Beach Hall representing Rogers City gave verbal and written testimony in support of HB5550-HB5554. Mayor Hall then answered questions from committee members.

Kathleen Jackson representing Commerce Township DDA gave verbal testimony in support of HB5550-HB5554. Ms. Jackson then answered questions from committee members.

Bill Anderson representing the Michigan Township Association gave verbal testimony in support of HB5550-HB5554. Mr. Anderson then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of HB5550-HB5554 but did not wish to speak:

Larry Steckelberg representing the Department of Treasury

Tim Ward representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan

Senator Jansen motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee adopt substitute S-2 to HB5550.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Jacobs

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis gave a brief overview of the Senate Fiscal Agency Issue Paper Examining The Film Incentives in Michigan by David Zin, Economist.

Jim Burnstein representing the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Mr. Burnstein then answered questions from committee members.

Ken Droz representing Kenneth Droz Consulting gave verbal and written testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Mr. Droz then answered questions from committee members.

Marcia Fishman representing the Screen Actors Guild gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Ms. Fishman then answered questions from committee members.

Steven Lemberg representing Raleigh Michigan Studios gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Mr. Lemberg then answered questions from committee members.

Bree Shea representing the LATSE Local 38 gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Ms. Shea then answered questions from committee members.

Eddie Rubin representing Deep Blue Pictures gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Mr. Rubin then answered questions from committee members.

Sultan Sharrief representing Michigan Film Collective gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Mr. Sharrief then answered questions from committee members.

AnnMarie Stoll representing herself gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Ms. Stoll then answered questions from committee members.

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Rebecca Bechler representing Motion Picture Association of America gave written testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives.

Kevin Scollin representing Specs Howard School gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Mr. Scollin then answered questions from committee members.  
Shane Costello representing himself gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Mr. Costello then answered questions from committee members.

Nathaniel McClure representing himself gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Mr. McClure then answered questions from committee members.

Jennifer Williams representing JR Galactic Casting gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Ms. Williams then answered questions from committee members.

Kathryn Ruff representing Lawrence Tech University gave verbal testimony in support of Michigan's film incentives. Ms. Ruff then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Cassis adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Clerk

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Chairperson

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Date approved by the Committee