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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 3:10 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

Senator George excused absent members.

Senator George announced the order of business as a hearing on Senate Bills 26, 27 and 28 and House Bill 5749.

Senator George welcomed Senator Tony Stamas who spoke in support of Senate Bills 26, 27 and 28.

Senator George welcomed Phil Schafer from the Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants who provided written and oral testimony in support of Senate Bills 26, 27 and 28. Following his remarks the floor was opened up for questions.

Senate Health Policy Committee members present: George (C), Allen (VC), Clarke (MinVC), Gleason, Jacobs.

A motion was made by Senator Allen to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting and supported by Senator Clarke.

Senator George welcomed Carl Alden from the Michigan Association of Chiropractors who gave oral testimony in support of Senate Bills 26, 27 and 28 with amendments.

Senator George noted that testimony cards in support of Senate Bills 26, 27 and 28 were turned in by Christine Shearer, representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans and Brenda Lawson representing the Michigan Department of Community Health. Also a testimony card was turned in by Fred Anderson representing the Michigan Osteopathic Association who was neutral on the bills and Andrew Schepers from the Michigan State Medical Society who opposed the bills. Written testimony was provided by Troy Sargent, MD in support of the bills.

A motion was made by Senator Allen to adopt a substitute (S-1) to SB 26, supported by Senator Clarke.  
Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs  
Nays:  
Pass:  
Excused: Patterson, Sanborn  
The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Allen to report SB 26 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Clarke  
Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs  
Nays:  
Pass:  
Excused: Patterson, Sanborn  
The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Allen to adopt a substitute (S-1) to SB 27, supported by Senator Clarke.  
Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs  
Nays:  
Pass:  
Excused: Patterson, Sanborn  
The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Allen to report SB 27 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Clarke  
Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs  
Nays:  
Pass:  
Excused: Patterson, Sanborn  
The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Allen to adopt a substitute (S-1) to SB 28, supported by Senator Gleason.  
Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs  
Nays:  
Pass:  
Excused: Patterson, Sanborn  
The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Allen to report SB 28 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Gleason  
Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs  
Nays:  
Pass:  
Excused: Patterson, Sanborn  
The motion prevailed

Senator George welcomed Charles Robinson, legislative aide from Representative Vincent Gregory's office, who spoke in support of the bill.

A motion was made by Senator Gleason to report HB 5749 with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Jacobs  
Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs  
Nays:  
Pass:  
Excused: Patterson, Sanborn  
The motion prevailed

Senator George noted that a testimony card in support of House Bill 5749 was turned in by Lynn Weimester representing Beaumont Hospitals and Andy Schor representing the Michigan Municipal League. A card was also turned in by Erik Hingst representing the Michigan Optometric Association who thanked the chair and bill sponsor for agreeing to work with them moving forward.

Written testimony in support of HB 5749 was provided by Kathy Gauthier, Executive Director of Irene's Myomassology Institute; Debra Zager, President of the American Massage Therapy Association; and Jean Robinson, Government Relations Director of the Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals.

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

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Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

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Chairperson

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Date approved by the Committee