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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 3:05 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

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

Senator George excused absent members.

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

Senator George announced the order of business as a hearing on Senate Bills 1253, 1254 and 1255 and House Bills 4900, 5765 and 4406.

Senator George welcomed Senator Birkholz who spoke in support of Senate Bills 1253, 1254 and 1255. Following her remarks the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed David Lalumia and Linda Lawther from the Healthcare Association of Michigan who provided written and oral testimony in support of Senate Bills 1253 – 1255.

Senator George then welcomed Robert Stein from the Michigan Assisted Living Association who spoke in support of Senate Bills 1253 – 1255.

Senator George then welcomed Deborah Wood from the Michigan Department of Human Services who spoke in support of the bills with changes. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Tom Masseau from Michigan Protection and Advocacy who provided written and oral testimony in support of the Senate Bills 1253 – 1255. Following his remarks the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Lacey Charboneau from Citizens for Better Care of Southwest Michigan who gave written and oral testimony on Senate Bills 1253 – 1255.

Senator George then noted that testimony cards in support of Senate Bills 1253 – 1255 had been turned in by Harvey Zuckerberg of the Michigan Home Health Association, Stephanie Shooks of Aging Services of Michigan and Sarah Slocum of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman who supported the bills with changes.

Senator George then welcomed Tyrone Sanders from the Michigan Association for Local Public Health who provided written and oral testimony in support of House Bill 4900.

Senator George noted that testimony cards in support of HB 4900 had been turned in by Chris Mitchell of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association and Brenda Lawson from the Michigan Department of Community Health.

A motion was made by Senator Jacobs to report HB 4900 recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Allen

Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Sanborn, Gleason

The motion prevailed

Senator George then welcomed Representative Lisa Brown who spoke in support of House Bill 5765.

Senator George noted that testimony cards in support of HB 5765 were turned in by Shelly Stahl representing the Michigan Athletic Trainers, Brenda Lawson from the Michigan Department of Community Health and Stephanie Johnson representing the Michigan Association of Acupuncture.

A motion was made by Senator Clarke to report HB 5765 with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Allen

Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Sanborn, Gleason

The motion prevailed

Senator George then welcomed Representative Espinoza who spoke in support of House Bill 4406.

Senator George noted that a testimony card in support of HB 4406 was turned in by Brenda Lawson of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

A motion was made by Senator Jacobs to report HB 4406 with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Allen

Yeas: George, Allen, Clarke, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Sanborn, Gleason

The motion prevailed

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

Chairperson

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Date approved by the Committee