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**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, May 03, 2011, at 2:38 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 100.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Hunter

Absent: None

Excused: Smith

Senator Hildenbrand motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of April 27, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- SB 273 Sen. Robertson - Administrative procedure; rules; 1984 PA 27; update reference to administrative procedures act.
- SB 275 Sen. Casperson - Environmental protection; permits; consequences of missed deadlines for review of certain environmental permits; establish.
- SB 276 Sen. Robertson - Administrative procedure; rules; state office of administrative hearings and rules; require posting of legal and policy bases and assessment of impact of the rules on the private sector.
- SB 277 Sen. Hildenbrand - Environmental protection; other; NREPA programs; require peer review.
- SB 278 Sen. Hansen - Administrative procedure; rules; review of existing and new rules; provide for on a periodic basis.
- SB 279 Sen. Pavlov - Environmental protection; other; stratified random sampling process; establish for inspections under NREPA.
- SB 334 Sen. Hildenbrand - Economic development; other; business improvement districts; expand to include townships.

Senator Kowall announced that SB275 would be passed for the day with no action taken.

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

Andy Such representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association

- SB271-SB279

Matt Smego representing the Michigan Farm Bureau

- SB277, SB279

Jill Ritchie representing United States Steel

- SB273, SB275-SB278

Bill Lievens representing the Michigan Chemistry Council

- SB273, SB275-SB279

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Submitted testimony cards in support continued:

Brian Kandler representing the Detroit Regional Chamber

- SB277, SB279

Jason Geer representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce

- SB277-SB279

Brian Westin representing the REALTORS

- SB275-SB279

Randy Gross representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

- SB277, SB279

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report SB273 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee give SB273 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB276.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report SB276 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Hunter

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, that the committee give SB276 S-1 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB277.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee report SB277 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Hunter

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee give SB277 S-1 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

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Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, that the committee adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB278.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, that the committee report SB278 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Hunter

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee give SB278 S-1 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB279.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report SB279 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Hunter

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee give SB279 S-1 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hildenbrand, bill sponsor of SB334, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Senator Hildenbrand then answered questions from committee members.

George Wanty representing the Centennial Park Business Owners Association gave verbal testimony in support of SB334. Mr. Wanty then answered questions from committee members.

Bill Anderson representing the Michigan Townships Association gave verbal testimony of concerns with SB334 S-1. Mr. Anderson then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of SB334 but did not wish to speak:

Kelly Danscok representing ABC of Michigan

William Cousins representing Cascade Township (written testimony also)

Jim McBryde representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) submitted a testimony card that the MEDC is studying the legislation with no position yet, and he did not wish to speak

Paul Connors representing the Michigan Department of Treasury submitted a testimony card neutral to SB334 but did not wish to speak.

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Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB334.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, that the committee report SB334 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hunter motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee give SB334 S-1 immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Hunter, to excuse Senator Smith from committee.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: May 11, 2011

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