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**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 1:35 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:  
(Testimony Only)

- SB 569 Sen. Richardville - Economic development; Michigan strategic fund; film production assistance program; provide for.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee adopt the minutes of October 25, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Jamie Clover Adams, Deputy Chief of Staff to Senator Richardville bill sponsor of SB569, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. During her testimony, Ms. Clover Adams relayed that there was a Senate Substitute S-1, which she also explained. Ms. Clover Adams then answered questions from committee members.

Bill Black, representing the Michigan Teamsters, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569. Mr. Black then answered questions from committee members.

Dave Lowing, representing Lowing Lighting, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569. Mr. Lowing then answered questions from committee members.

Steve Lemberg, representing Raleigh Michigan Studios, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569. Mr. Lemberg then answered questions from committee members.

Clover Keys Roy, representing IE Effects, gave both verbal and written testimony in support of SB569.

Jeffrey Spilman, representing MI Film First, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569.

Vans Stevenson, representing Motion Picture Association of America, gave both verbal and written testimony in support of SB569. Mr. Stevenson then answered questions from committee members.

Matthew Gibb, Deputy County Executive representing Oakland County, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569.

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James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and Carrie Jones representing the Michigan Film Office, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569. Mr. McBryde and Ms. Jones then answered questions from committee members.

Marcia Fishman, representing the Screen Actors Guild; and Dan Lemieux, Actor, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569. Ms. Fishman and Mr. Lemieux then answered questions from committee members.

Peter Johnson, representing himself, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569.

Robert Cantrell, Executive Producer – Freaky Deaky, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569.

Stacia Savage, representing IATSE Local #26, gave verbal testimony in support of SB569.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in favor of SB569 but did not wish to speak:

- Rebecca Bechler, representing Entertainment Software Association (written testimony also)
- Cal Hazelbaker, representing IATSE Local #38
- Michael Sean Anderson, representing Sleeping Bear Films
- Mitch Album, representing himself
- Matt Horn, representing Samba Productions

Senator Kowall announced that due to time constraints, there would have to be a continuation of hearings held to allow for additional testimony and that a hearing relative to SB569 would continue next week. He then announced that if individuals could not return, everyone who submitted a testimony card and any written testimony submitted would have their positions documented into the record.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of SB569:

- John Maning, representing Compass Film School
- Sher Myers, representing film students
- Mark Adler, representing Michigan Production Alliance (written testimony also)
- Cheryl Larner, representing Mid America Cine Support
- Joseph Scott Anthony, representing Independent Film Producers

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: November 2, 2011

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