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**HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE**

**SENATOR JIM MARLEAU, CHAIRMAN**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren, and Gleason

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Emmons

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Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adoption of the March 8, 2012 minutes
- SB 973 Sen. Marleau Insurance; health; interstate health care compact; provide for. Creates new act.
- SR 120 Sen. Hansen A resolution to affirm the rights of the citizens of the state of Michigan to make their own health care decisions, express support for an interstate health care compact, and memorialize Congress to ratify an interstate compact.
- SB 595 Sen. Kahn Insurance; health; Michigan basic health program for certain low-income residents; establish in lieu of benefits under a health exchange as allowed under the patient protection and affordable care act.

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Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Health Policy Committee minutes of March 8, 2012; without objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 973 and Senate Resolution 120.

As testimony had been taken the previous week, no further explanations were given.

Isabelle Terry, resident from Rockford, Michigan, testified in opposition to the bill.

The following people submitted cards in opposition to the legislation but did not wish to speak:

- Tina DuPont, Resident
- Laura Appel, Michigan Hospital Association

Senator Jones offered a motion to report Senate Bill 973 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau, Robertson, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Gleason

Nays: Senator Warren

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to report Senate Resolution 120 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau, Robertson, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker

Nays: Senators Warren, Gleason

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 595. As the sponsor of the measure, Senator Kahn gave a brief overview of the bill.

Dr. David Cotton, President/CEO of Meridian Health Plan, gave testimony in support of the measure.

Mark Cook, Vice President of Government Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak, their position is listed below:

- Laura Appel, Michigan Hospital Association, Support
- Isabelle Terry, Resident, Opposed
- Tina DuPont, Resident, Opposed

Senator Marleau made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:26 p.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: March 22, 2012**

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