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Senate Committee on Insurance Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 12:33 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

At the time attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senator(s) Hune (C), Marleau and Smith.

Absent: NONE

Excused: Brandenburg

A quorum was not established.

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- HB 5408 Rep. Haines Insurance; health care corporations; denial of coverage for telemedicine services; prohibit.
- HB 5421 Rep. Lori Insurance; health; denial of coverage for telemedicine services; prohibit.

Senator Hune invited Susan Martin from Rep. Lori's office and Neil Bishop from Rep. Haines' office to testify in support of HB5408 and HB 5421, respectively.

At 12:35 p.m. Senator Hansen entered the meeting. A quorum was established.

Senator Hune invited Mary Cooley from Priority Health to testify in support of HB 5421 and HB 5408.

At 12:44 p.m. Senator Robertson entered the meeting.

At 12:45 p.m. Senator Bieda entered the meeting.

Senator Hune acknowledged those who submitted testimony cards in support of HB 5421 and HB 5408 but did not wish to speak:

- Chris Mitchell from the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.
- Matt Groen from the Michigan Telecommunication Association.
- Deidra Wilson from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- Christine Shearer from the Michigan Association of Health Plans

Senator Hune entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 13, 2012 meeting. Senator Marleau so moved. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hune entertained a motion to excuse absent members from the meeting. Senator Smith so moved. Without objection Senator Brandenburg was excused.

Senator Hune called for a motion to report HB 5408 with recommendation. Senator Hansen so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Hune, Marleau, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda.

Nays: NONE

The bill was reported.

Next, the chairman entertained a motion to give HB 5408 immediate effect. Senator Marleau so moved.

Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Senator Hune called for a motion to report SB 5421 with recommendation. Senator Bieda so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Hune, Marleau, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda.

Nays: NONE

The bill was reported.

Next, the chairman entertained a motion to give HB 5421 immediate effect. Senator Robertson so moved.

Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:51 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 5/1/12

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