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Senate Committee on Insurance MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in the Boji Tower Hearing Room. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senator(s) Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda.

Absent: NONE

Excused: NONE

A quorum was established.

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB 1293 (Sen. Hune) – Insurance; health; regulations applicable to nonprofit mutual disability insurer; revise to accommodate merger with nonprofit health care corporation.
- SB 1294 (Sen. Hune) – Insurance; health care corporations; merger of corporation with a nonprofit mutual disability insurer; allow, and provide procedures.

Senator Hune summarized SB 1293 and SB 1294. Senator Hune then answered questions for committee members.

The following people testified concerning SB 1293 and SB 1294 and answered questions for the committee members:

- Mark Cook, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan (BC/BS) – Support
- Sara Wycoff, Office of Governor Snyder – Support
- Brad Williams, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce – Support
- Jason Mancini, Michigan Municipal League – Support
- Jennifer Kluge, Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA) and Michigan Food and Beverage Association (MFBA) – Support

- Jim McGuire, Area Agency on Aging – Neutral (1293 only)
- Rick Murdock, Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) – Neutral
- Bob Fox, Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC) – Oppose

The following individuals submitted written testimony concerning SB 1293 and SB 1294:

- Mark Cook, BC/BS – Support
- Jennifer Kluge, MBPA and MFBA – Support
- Rick Murdock, MAHP – Neutral
- Bob Fox, MSAC – Oppose

Senator Hune entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 19, 2012 Insurance committee meeting. Senator Bieda so moved. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hune entertained a motion to excuse absent members. Senator Marleau so moved and, without objection, they were excused.

Chairman Hune recessed the committee at 9:56 a.m.

Chairman Hune reconvened the committee at 11:38 a.m.

The following individuals testified before the committee concerning SB 1293 and SB 1294:

- Mark Cook, BC/BS – Support

The following people wished to testify before the committee but were not available when the committee reconvened:

- Scott Lyon, Small Business Association of Michigan – Support
- Mary Ablan, Area Agencies on Aging – Oppose

Chairman Hune recessed the committee at 11:41 a.m.

Chairman Hune reconvened the committee at 11:43 a.m. and seeing no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned.

Date approved by the Committee: September 27, 2012

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