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Senate Committee on Insurance MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. in the Capitol Building, Room 402 and 403. The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: NONE

Excused: Senator Smith

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.
- SB 1305 (Sen. Hune) – Insurance; property and casualty; rating and underwriting requirements; modify.
- SB 1308 (Sen. Marleau) – Insurance; health; internal formal grievance procedure; modify.

Attorney General Bill Schuette summarized SB 1293 and SB 1294. Attorney General Schuette then answered questions for committee members.

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

- Scott Lyon, Small Business Association of Michigan – Support

- Mary Ablan, Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan – Oppose
- Dick Posthumus, Office of Governor Snyder – Support
- Kevin Clinton, Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation – Support
- Fredrick Deane, Michigan Senior Advocates Council – Oppose
- Elena Butkus, Aetna – Oppose
- Joe Aoun, Aetna – Oppose
- Dusty Fincher, Aetna – Oppose
- Alan Brown, Director of the Midland County Council on Aging – Oppose
- Mark Cook, Blue Cross Blue Shield – Support
- LeeAnna Olson, Tri County Office on Aging – Support
- Bill Maxey, Michigan Senior Advocates Council – Oppose
- John Stauffer, LAP Respite Center – Oppose

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning SB 1293 and SB 1294:

- Jim Murray, President of AT&T Michigan – Support
- Rick Bossard, University of Michigan Health System – Support
- Kristin Beltzer, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce – Support
- Kirk Profit, University of Michigan Health System and GCSI – Support
- Cherie Mollison, Citizen – Oppose
- Dohn Hoyle, The Arc Michigan – Oppose
- Ruth Linneman, National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan – Oppose
- Jim Doss, Paraprofessional at the Healthcare Institute – Neutral
- Ron Tatro, Elder Law of Michigan – Neutral
- K. Johnston-Calati, Michigan Disability Rights Coalition – Neutral
- Don Hazaert, Michigan Consumers for Healthcare – Oppose
- Frank Venuto, United Healthcare Insurance Co. – Support
- Nick Ciaramitaro, AFSCME – Neutral

Due to time constraints, the Chairman announced that the committee would not be taking testimony on SB 1305 and SB 1308.

Senator Hune entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 20, 2012 Insurance committee meeting. Senator Marleau so moved. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

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

Seeing no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: October 16, 2012

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