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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda
Members excused: None

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

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SB 61	Sen. Bieda	Civil procedure; remedies; wrongful imprisonment for crime; provide compensation for.
HB 5711	Rep. Rendon	Health; abortion; law regulating abortions; clarify, and include provisions relating to medical abortions, screening for coercion to abort, liability insurance requirements, regulation of clinics as freestanding surgical outpatient facilities, disposition of fetal remains, and penalties.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 61 (Sen. Bieda). Senator Jones announced that there was a substitute for consideration for the bill. Senator Bieda explained the bill and substitute to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on Senate Bill 61:

- Peter Cunningham, State Bar of Michigan—Support
- Paul Stankewitz, Michigan Catholic Conference—Support
- Noah Smith, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan—Support
- Shelli Weisberg, American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Support
- Donna McKneeleh, Cooley Innocence Project—Support
- Marla Mitchell-Cichon, Cooley Innocence Project—Support
- Steve Gatto, representing Nathaniel Hachett—Support
- Sharon Lipton, State Policy Chair for the National Council of Jewish Women—Oppose

Senator Jones moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute to Senate Bill 61. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 61 (S-1) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 61 (S-1) be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee House Bill 5711 (Rep. Rendon). Senator Jones explained the bill to committee members.

The following persons testified on House Bill 5711 and answered questions from committee members:

- Chris Veneklas, Citizen—Support
- Stephen Gendregske, Citizen—Support
- Chad Gamble, Citizen—Support
- Gina Johnson, Citizen—Support
- Lynn Mills, Pro-Life Detroit—Support
- Pamela Sherstad, Right to Life of Michigan—Support (Also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Rebecca Mastee, Michigan Catholic Conference—Support
- Penny Gardner, Citizen—Oppose
- Rebecca La Duca, Citizen—Oppose
- Ann Larabee, Citizen—Oppose
- Michelle Loubert, Citizen—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Timothy Johnson, MD/OBGYN—Oppose
- Steve Corl, Michigan Abulatory Surgery Association—Oppose
- Mary Pollock, Michigan National Organization for Women—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Susan Masten, Lansing area National Organization for Women—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Janet Watkins, American Association of University Women of Michigan—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Shelli Weisberg, American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Oppose
- Lori Lamerand, CEO Planned Parenthood of Mid and South Michigan—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Renee Chelian, Northland Family Planning Clinic—Oppose

The following persons submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on House Bill 5711:

- Mary Beth Valli, Citizen—Support
- Anna Johnson, Citizen—Oppose
- Maxine Thome, Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers—Oppose

- Susan Schmidt, Citizen—Oppose
- Ryan Van Singel, Citizen—Oppose
- Paul Kanan, Citizen—Oppose
- Judy Karandjeff, Citizen—Oppose
- Mitch Goldsmith, Citizen—Oppose
- Lindsay Maas, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan—Oppose
- Representative Lisa Brown, Michigan House District 39—Oppose
- Danielle Vilella, Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan—Oppose
- Susan Smith, President of the League of Women Voters of Michigan—Oppose
- Chris Mitchell, Michigan Health and Hospital Association—Oppose
- Sharon Lipton, State Policy Chair for the National Council of Jewish Women—Oppose
- Bill Kandler, American Congress of OB/GYN—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)

Senator Jones moved that House Bill 5711 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca (3/4)

Nays: Senator Bieda (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5711. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca (3/4)

Nays: Senator Bieda (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from July 18, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 12:11 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: August 15, 2012

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