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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Friday, September 6, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the Muskegon Community College Blue and Gold Room 221 Quarterline Rd, Muskegon Township, MI 49442.

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

Members Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Ananich
Members Excused: Senator Smith

Senator Kowall called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- SB 312 (Sen. Hansen) – Higher education; financial aid; promise zone authority act; make general revisions.

Senator Hansen motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of August 5, 2013 and August 15, 2013. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall placed before the committee Senate Bill 312 (Sen. Hansen) for testimony only. Senator Hansen, explained the bills to committee members and answered questions. Senator Hansen was accompanied by Stephen Parker, of the Muskegon Promise Zone, and Dave Sipka, of the Muskegon Intermediate School District, to explain the bill and answer questions.

The following persons testified in support of Senate Bill 312 and answered questions from committee members:

- Deborah Smith-Olson, Baldwin County Promise Authority
- Dale Nesbary, Muskegon Community College
- Lee Coggin, Baker College
- Cindy Lassen, Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber
- Ayana Richardson, Baldwin County Promise Authority
- Representative Holly Hughes
- Representative Jon Bumstead
- Chuck Wilbur, Public Policy Associates

- Greg Handel, Detroit Regional Chamber
- Ellen Kerans, Baldwin County Promise Authority

The following persons submitted testimony cards in support of Senate Bill 312 but did not wish to speak:

- Carris Carey, Pontiac Promise Zone
- Tom Livezey, Oakridge Public Schools
- Robert Szymoniak, Fruitport Schools
- Gary Britton, MAISA – Local School Districts
- Jon Felske, Muskegon Public Schools
- Megan Byard, Muskegon Opportunity LCN
- Pat Walstra, Orchard View Schools
- Catherine Burr, MAISD – Wesley School

Senator Emmons motioned to excuse absent members. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 11:47 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: September 18, 2013

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