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**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower. Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren, and Johnson

Absent: None

Excused: None

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Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adopt the minutes from the March 7, 2013 meeting
- SB 136 (Sen. Moolenaar) – Health; other; religious liberty and conscience protection act; enact to allow health care payers, health facilities, and health providers a right to decline to provide or pay for certain objectionable health care services.
- SB 165 (Sen. Marleau) – Health facilities; hospitals; policy regarding medical futility; require policy be in writing and if it applies to a child provide to parent or guardian upon request.

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The following members were present at the time the roll was taken: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the minutes from the March 7, 2013 meeting. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons entered the room.

The Chairman made a motion to excuse absent members and, without objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 165. The Chair placed an S-1 before the members and gave a summary of the changes being proposed.

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The following person submitted a testimony card in support of SB 165 but did not wish to speak:

- Tom Hickson

The following person submitted a testimony card indicating a neutral position on SB 165, but did not wish to speak:

- Paige Fults, Michigan Health and Hospital Association

Senator Johnson entered the room.

Senator Jones offered a motion to adopt the S-1 Substitute for Senate Bill 165.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Johnson

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to report the S-1 Substitute for Senate Bill 165.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Johnson

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to recommend the bill be given immediate effect; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 136 and reminded members testimony had been taken at the March 7, 2013 meeting. The members had adopted an S-1 Substitute for the bill.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to SB 136:

- Rev. Jeff Liebmann, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland
- Randy Block, MI Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network
- Dan Levy, MI Department of Civil Rights

The following individual spoke in support of SB 136:

- Ed Rivet, Michigan Right to Life

The following person submitted a testimony card in support of SB 136 but did not wish to speak:

- Tom Hickson, Michigan Catholic Conference

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to SB 136 but did not wish to speak:

- Lindsay Maas, Planned Parenthood
- Dana Benyas, Planned Parenthood
- Amanda Wurtsmith, Planned Parenthood
- Devin Crumley, Planned Parenthood
- Brett Williams, MI Consumers for Healthcare
- Jessica Lohmann, Eastern MI University
- Mary Pollock, National Organization for Women
- Dr. Judith Kovach, MI Psychological Assn.
- Paige Fults, MI Health and Hospital Assn.
- Cynthia Wilbanks, University of MI
- Bill Kandler, American Congress of OB/GYN
- Bill Kandler, Michigan Ambulatory Surgery Association
- Kathleen Johnston-Calati, MI Disability Rights Coalition

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- Shelli Weisberg, ACLU of MI
- Holli Wallace, citizen
- Megan Zapinski, citizen
- Heather Foster, citizen
- Meredith Buelken, citizen
- Daniel Totzkay, citizen
- Emily Apman, citizen
- Emma Maniere, citizen
- Lauren Bacans, citizen

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:37 a.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: March 21, 2013**

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