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## **Senate Committee on Insurance**

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 100. The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.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 31 Sen. Schuitmaker Insurance; life; insurable interests; amend insurance code to provide for insurable interest of trustees. Amends 1956 PA 218 (MCL 500.100 - 500.8302) by adding sec. 2210a. TIE BAR WITH: SB 0032'13
- SB 178 Sen. Schuitmaker Insurance; health; standardized prior authorization form for prescription drugs; require.
- SB 179 Sen. Schuitmaker Insurance; health care corporations; standardized prior authorization form for prescription drugs; require.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Smith to adopt the minutes of the January 31, 2013 meeting. Without objection they were adopted.

Sen. Schuitmaker, along with her staff, gave a brief overview of SB 178 and SB 179 for members of the committee and the audience. Sen. Schuitmaker explained the S-1 Substitute to SB 178 and answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards concerning SB 178 and SB 179:

- Dr. Steven Newman, Michigan State Medical Society – Support
- Christine Shearer, Michigan Association of Health Plans – Support

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning SB 178 and SB 179:

- Tabitha Zimny, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians – Support
- Kevin McKinney, Michigan Osteopathic Association – Support
- Jean Doss, Takeda Pharmaceuticals – Support
- Dough Paterson, Michigan Primary Care Association – Support
- Colleen Livingston, Michigan Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics – Support
- Chris Mitchell, Michigan Health and Hospital Association – Support
- Cindy Schnetzler, Michigan Optometric Association – Support
- Dave Ladd, Express Scripts – Support
- Dan Wolter, Pfizer – Support
- Deidra Wilson, Blue Cross Blue Shield Medical – Neutral

Senator Hune called for a motion to adopt the S-1 Substitute to SB 178. Senator Marleau so moved.

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

Nays: NONE

The substitute was adopted.

Senator Hune called for a motion to report SB 178 S-1 with recommendation. Senator Brandenburg so moved.

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

Nays: NONE

The bill was reported.

Next, the chairman entertained a motion to give SB 178 immediate effect. Senator Bieda so moved.

Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Senator Hune called for a motion to report SB 179 with recommendation. Senator Robertson so moved.

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

Nays: NONE

The bill was reported.

Next, the chairman entertained a motion to give SB 179 immediate effect. Senator Smith so moved.

Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Senator Hune called for a motion to recommend SB 31 be referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary. Senator Smith so moved.

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

Nays: NONE

The bill was referred.

Seeing no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: June 11, 2013**

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