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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower. Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Hune

Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adopt the Committee rules
- 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.

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Health Policy Committee Rules for the 2013-2014 legislative session. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chairman made a motion to excuse absent members and, without objection, it was so moved.

Senator Marleau invited Senator Moolenaar forward to give testimony and answer questions for committee members concerning SB 136.

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

- Ed Rivet, Michigan Right to Life
- Lana Mangiapane, Council of Excellence
- Tom Hickson, Michigan Catholic Conference

- Brad Snaveley, Michigan Family Forum

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

- Maxine Thome, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Allan Wachendorfer, NASW
- Duane Breijak, NASW
- Heather Haro, NASW
- Kathy Hagenian, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Christine Shearer, Michigan Association of Health Plans
- Chris Mitchell, Michigan Health and Hospital Association
- Lisa Ashley, Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Michigan
- Jimena Loveluck, HIV/AIDS Alliance of Michigan
- Michelle Lange, Oakland University
- Cami Pendell, Michigan School of Professional Psychology
- Bill Kandler, American Congress of OB/GYN
- Bill Kandler, Michigan Ambulatory Surgery Association
- Ellen Hoekstra, AFT Michigan
- Mary Levik, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
- Meghan Groen, Planned Parenthood

The following people submitted testimony cards as neutral to SB 136 but did not wish to speak:

- Ben Bodkin, Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council
- Melissa Samuel, Health Care Association of Michigan

The following people offered testimony to the committee opposing SB 136:

- Dan Levy, Department of Civil Rights
- Mary Pollock, Michigan National Organization for Women
- Shelli Weisberg, ACLU of Michigan
- Ashley Forsberg and Ken Fletcher, Michigan Nurses Association
- Christine Nace and Jim Bauer, Michigan Counseling Association
- Emily Dievendorf, Equality of Michigan

The following people offered testimony to the committee in support of SB 136:

- Tim Schultz, Ethics and Public Policy Center
- Tom Hickson, Michigan Catholic Conference

Senator Warren introduced and explained the Warren Amendment to SB 136.

Senator Warren offered a motion to adopt the Warren Amendment.

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren, and Johnson

Nays: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons

Pass: None

The motion failed.

Senator Johnson introduced and explained the Johnson Amendment to SB 136.

Senator Johnson offered a motion to adopt the Johnson Amendment.

Yeas: Senators Warren and Johnson

Nays: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Schuitmaker

Pass: None

The motion failed.

Senator Marleau introduced and explained the S-1 substitute to the committee.

Senator Emmons offered a motion to adopt the S-1 Substitute.

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

Nays: Senators Warren and Johnson

Pass: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman invited Brad and Jesi Smith forward to give testimony concerning SB 165. The Smiths then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak opposing SB 165:

- Maxine Thome, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Allan Wachendorfer, NASW
- Duane Breijak, NASW
- Heather Haro, NASW

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of SB 165 but did not wish to speak:

- Tom Hickson, Michigan Catholic Conference—Support in concept
- Ed Rivet, Right to Life Michigan
- Lana Mangianpane, Council of Excellence
- Brad Snavely, Michigan Family Forum

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

- Chris Mitchell, Michigan Health and Hospital Association

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:44 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: March 14, 2013

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