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Senate Committee on Insurance Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in the Boji Tower Hearing Room. The meeting was called to order at 2:31 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 61 (Sen. Hune) – Insurance; health care corporations; merger of corporation with a nonprofit mutual disability insurer; allow, and provide procedures.
- SB 62 (Sen. Smith) – Insurance; health; regulations applicable to nonprofit mutual disability insurer; revise to accommodate merger with nonprofit health care corporation.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Smith to adopt the committee rules. Without objection they were adopted.

The Chairman gave a brief overview of SB 61 and SB 62 for members of the committee and the audience.

The following people submitted testimony cards concerning SB 61 and SB 62:

- Mary Albon, Area Agency on Aging – Support/Oppose
- Felicia Wasson, AARP – Support/Oppose
- Mark Cook, Blue Cross/Blue Shield – Support
- Rob Collier, Council of Michigan Foundations – Support (SB 61 only)

- David Jessup, Small Business Association of Michigan – Support

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in support of SB 61 and SB 62:

- Christine Shearer, Michigan Association of Health Plans
- Kevin McKinney, Michigan Osteopathic Association
- Wendy Block, Michigan Chamber
- Rick Bossard, University of Michigan Health System
- Dusty Fancher, Aetna
- Doug DeYoung, Northern Chamber Alliance and Traverse City Chamber
- Kristen Beltzer, Lansing Chamber
- Andy Johnston, Grand Rapids Chamber
- Tina Grant, Trinity Health
- Brad Williams, Detroit Chamber
- Scott Hummel, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents
- Sean Gehle, Ascension Health
- Bonnie Bonchniak, Michigan Business and Professional Association

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in opposition to SB 61 and SB 62:

- Alan Cropsey, Attorney General Bill Schuette
- Todd Tennis, Elder Law and Disability Rights Section of the State Bar of Michigan
- Brett Williams, Michigan Consumers for Healthcare

Senator Smith introduced and explained the Smith Amendment to the committee.

Senator Hune called for a motion to adopt the Smith Amendment to SB 61. Senator Smith so moved.

Yeas: Senator(s) Smith and Bieda.

Nays: Senator(s) Hune, Brandenburg, and Robertson

Pass: Senator(s) Marleau and Hansen

The amendment was not adopted.

Senator Hune called for a motion to report SB 61 with recommendation. Senator Smith 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 61 immediate effect. Senator Marleau so moved.

Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Senator Hune called for a motion to report SB 62 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 62 immediate effect. Senator Bieda so moved. Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Seeing no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: March 5, 2013

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