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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 9:03 am on the 3rd floor of the Capitol Building.

Committee Members present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, Hopgood and Johnson.

Absent:

Excused: Senators Pappageorge and Proos

A motion to excuse all absent members was made by Senator Jansen and supported by Senator Anderson.

Senator Kahn gave his opening remarks regarding order of business:

- Organizational—adopt previous meeting minutes
- Legislative Transfer Request 2014-5
- HJR N (Rep. Stamas) Higher education; tuition; public universities to offer in-state tuition to certain veterans; require.
- HJR M (Rep. Knezek) Higher education; community colleges; in-district tuition rates for active service and reserve members and honorably discharged veterans; provide for.
- SB 959 (Sen. Kahn) Environmental protection; hazardous waste; liquid industrial waste site identification number user charges; remove sunset.
- SB 960 (Sen. Kahn) Environmental protection; hazardous waste; manifest processing site identification, and hazardous waste management program user charge; remove sunset.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes from May 8, 2014. Moved by Senator Anderson and supported by Senator Jansen.

HJR N (Rep. Stamas) Higher education; tuition; public universities to offer in-state tuition to certain veterans; require.

Chairman Kahn invited Representative Stamas and General Stone up to testify on HJR N.

Chairman Kahn invited Rick Donovan up to testify in favor of HJR N and HJR M.

Chairman Kahn invited Representative Knezek up to testify in support of HJR M.

Chairman Kahn invited Jason Allen with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs up to testify on the resolutions.

Chairman Kahn invited Mike Hansen with the Michigan Community Colleges Association up to speak on HJR M.

Testimony cards submitted in favor of HJR N and M, from entities and people who did not wish to speak, were read onto the record:

Doug Williams with American Legion, Commanders Group

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen with the MDVA

Michael Boulus with the President's Council

Testimony cards submitted in neutrality on HJR N and M, from entities and people who did not wish to speak, were read onto the record:

Kathy Wilbur with Central Michigan University

Katie John with Western Michigan University

Deanna Hemmila with Northern Michigan University

Michelle Lange with Oakland University

Chad Wing with Eastern Michigan University

John Kaczynski with Saginaw Valley State University

Senator Hood requested Chairman Kahn observe a moment of silence to show support for Senator Proos while he and his family mourn the passing of his father.

Chairman Kahn recessed at 9:54am, and reconvened at 11:19am.

Legislative Transfer Request 2014-5

Josh Sefton with the Senate Fiscal Agency provided background on the Legislative transfer request 2014-5 for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Motion made to adopt the legislative transfer. Moved by Senator Jansen, supported by Senator Booher.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson Gregory, Hood, Hopgood, and Johnson

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senator Pappageorge and Proos

The LARA Legislative Transfer package was approved.

SB 959 (Sen. Kahn) Environmental protection; hazardous waste; liquid industrial waste site identification number user charges; remove sunset.

Josh Sefton with the Senate Fiscal Agency provided background on SB 959 and SB 960.

Motion made to report the SB 959. Moved by Senator Jansen, supported by Senator Moolenaar.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson Gregory, Hood, Hopgood, and Johnson

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senator Pappageorge and Proos

The SB 959 was reported with recommendation and immediate effect was given.

SB 960 (Sen. Kahn) Environmental protection; hazardous waste; manifest processing site identification, and hazardous waste management program user charge; remove sunset.

Motion made to report the SB 960. Moved by Senator Green, supported by Senator Jansen.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson Gregory, Hood, Hopgood, and Johnson

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senator Pappageorge and Proos

The SB 960 was reported with recommendation and immediate effect was given.

Without objection, Chairman Kahn adjourned at 11:28 am.

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Date Approved by the Committee