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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Kowall called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Agenda

- SB 1103 (Richardville): State financing and management; funds; qualified film production tax credit; modify.
- SB 1097 (Sen. Jansen): Economic development; economic development corporations; certified technology park distinct geographic areas; increase.

Members Present: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Hansen, and Ananich

Members Excused: Senators Nofs, Emmons, and Smith

Senator Hildenbrand entered at 8:37 a.m.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the committee meeting minutes of September 24, 2014. Sen. Hildenbrand so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman moved to excuse absent members, and without objection, absent members were excused.

The following individuals provided testimony before the Senate Economic Development Committee regarding SB 1103:

- Pete Langley, Senate Majority Policy Office – Support
- Patrick Dougherty, Teamsters Detroit – Support
- Joseph Scott Anthony, Media Arts Coalition of West Michigan – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to note their position on SB 1103, but did not wish to speak:

- Rick K. Hert, West Michigan Film Office – Neutral
- Joel Freeman, Michigan Economic Development Corporation – Neutral

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 1103. Sen. Ananich so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Hansen, and Ananich

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 1103 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Ananich so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Hansen, and Ananich

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 1103. Sen. Hansen so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The following individuals provided testimony before the Senate Economic Development Committee regarding SB 1097:

- Kara Wood, City of Grand Rapids SmartZone – Support
- Jennifer Owens, Lakeshore Advantage – Support
- Michael O'Rourke, TechTown Detroit – Support
- Joel Freeman, Michigan Economic Development Corporation – Support
- Jim Fisher, Talent 2025 and E-Merge West Michigan – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to note their position on SB 1097, but did not wish to speak:

- Jim Miller, City of Grand Rapids and Ottawa County – Support
- Craig Hall, Holland Smartzone – Support
- Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League – Support
- Andy Johnston, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce – Support
- Jane Clark, Michigan West Coast Chamber – Support
- Rusty Merchant, The Right Place – Support
- Jerry Kooiman, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and Grand Rapids Smartzone Board – Support
- David Bertram, Michigan State University – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 1097. Sen. Hildenbrand so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Hansen, and Ananich

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 1097 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Hansen so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Kowall, Hildenbrand, Hansen, and Ananich

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 1097. Sen. Hildenbrand so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 12/03/14

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