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Senate Committee on Health Policy
October 20, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room in the Boji Tower.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. SB 444 (Sen. Stamas) reported with recommendation and immediate effect
2. SB 502 (Sen. Marleau) adopted the S-1 substitute

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Members present: Senator(s) Shirkey, Hune, O'Brien, Marleau, Jones, Stamas, Robertson, Hertel, Knezek, Hopgood

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the minutes from October 6, 2015, without objection the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to excuse absent members, without objection the absent members were excused.

The Chairman invited Senator Stamas to give an overview of Senate Bill 444 to the committee.

The following people testified to give their position on Senate Bill 444:

The Chairman read in the following cards to indicate a position on Senate Bills 444:

Tim Ward, Police Officers Association of Michigan – support

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Jones to report Senate Bill 444 to the floor with recommendation that the bill then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Shirkey, Hune, O'Brien, Marleau, Jones, Stamas, Robertson, Hertel, Knezek, Hopgood

Nays:

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator O'Brien to recommend immediate effect. Without objection immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Senator Marleau to give an overview of Senate Bill 502 to the committee.

The following people testified to give their position on Senate Bill 502:

Dr. Kathleen Hawker, Novartis – support

Christine Shearer, Michigan Association of Health Plans – oppose

Karen Jones, Michigan Association of Health Plans – oppose

The Chairman read in the following cards to indicate a position on Senate Bills 502:

Ruth Linnemann, National Multiple Sclerosis Society Michigan Chapter – support

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Marleau to adopt the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 502.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Shirkey, Hune, O'Brien, Marleau, Jones, Stamas, Robertson, Hertel, Knezek, Hopgood

Nays:

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman invited Dr. Michael Malecki to give a presentation on Biosimilars.

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: 11/10/2015

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