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Senate Committee on Health Policy
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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. in room 402/403 of the Capitol Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. SB 753 (Sen. MacGregor) Testimony only
 2. HB 4812 (Rep. Bizon) Reported S-1 substitute with recommendation and immediate effect
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The meeting was called to order at 12:31 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 February 2, 2016, without objection the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Senator MacGregor to give an overview of Senate Bill 753 to the committee.

The following people testified for their position on Senate Bill 753:

Joe Brennan, Spectrum Health – support
Sean Gehle, Ascension Michigan – support
Carrie Stover, Ascension Michigan – support
Robert Baratta, Teledoc – support
Senator Patrick Colbeck, self – oppose
Chad Savage, self – neutral

The Chairman read in the following cards to indicate a position on Senate Bill 753:

Christine Shearer, Michigan Association of Health Plans – no position given

The Chairman invited Rep. Bizon to give an overview of House Bill 4812 to the committee.

The following people testified for their position on House Bill 4812:

Stephen Rapundalo, MichBio – oppose
Rachelle Hercher, self – oppose
Timothy Laing, American College of Rheumatology – oppose

The Chairman read in the following cards to indicate a position on House Bill 4812:

Heather Nicholoff, Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners – support
Jean Doss, Miceda Pharmaceuticals USA – support
Amy Drumm, Michigan Retailers Association – support
Dale Master, Genoa – support
Christine Shearer, Michigan Association of Health Plans – support
Darlene Twymon, MPAAE – oppose
David Moody, Novo Nordisk – oppose
Tabitha Zimneym Michigan Academy of Family Physicians – oppose
Mike Crow, Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy – support
Andrew Schepers, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network – oppose
Eric Roath, Michigan Pharmacists Association – support
Yvonne, Gallagher, SavMor Pharmacy – support
Glenn Sievert, Pharmacy Management Partners – support
Jonathan Grice, Home Town Pharmacy – support
Dave Bilardello, Priority Health – support
Thair Phillips, Retire Safe – oppose
Marcia Horn, International Cancer Advocacy Network – oppose
Patrick Stone, National Psoriasis Foundation – oppose
Jeff Okazaki, Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations – oppose
Bill Bro, Kidney Cancer Association – oppose
Virginia Ladd, American Automotive Related Diseases Association – oppose
Ben Rathbun, Michigan Lupus Foundation – oppose
Tammy Guastella, Michigan Rheumatism Society – oppose
Kris Nicholoff, Michigan Osteopathic Association – oppose
Carol Christner, Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology – oppose
Paige Fults, Michigan Health and Hospital Association – support
Kris Kraft, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan – support
Andrew Martin, Meijer – support
Representative John Bizon, self – oppose

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute to House Bill 4812.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Hertel to report the S-1 substitute to House Bill 4812 to the floor with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman entertained by Senator Marleau to recommend immediate effect. Without objection immediate effect was recommended.

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: 2/23/2016