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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda
Members excused: None

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

Approval of Minutes

SB 863 Sen. Hildenbrand Weapons; licensing; waiver for certain individuals to carry weapon in weapon-free zones; expand to include employees of licensed private investigators.

For Testimony Only:

SB 60 Sen. Bieda Income tax; income; compensation received under the wrongful imprisonment compensation act; provide a deduction.

SB 61 Sen. Bieda Civil procedure; remedies; wrongful imprisonment for crime; provide compensation for.

Senator Rocca moved to adopt the minutes from January 31, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones announced that Senate Bill 863 was being pulled from the day's agenda.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bills 60 and 61 (Sen. Bieda) for testimony. Senator Bieda explained the bills to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on Senate Bills 60 and 61 and answered questions from the committee members:

- Professor Donna McKneelen & Professor Marla Mitchell-Cichon, representing the Cooley Innocence Project—support
- Kimberly Thomas, Clinical Professor for the Michigan Innocence Clinic—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Steve Gatto, Attorney—Support
- Craig DeRouche, Director of the Justice Fellowship—Support

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bills 60 and 61:

- Elizabeth Lyon, representing the State Bar of Michigan—Support
- Richard Havens, representing Just Justice—Support
- Elizabeth McClellan, representing Just Justice—Support
- Noah Smith, representing Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan—Support
- Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Support

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 3:08 p.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

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