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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Testimony on SB 879
- 2) Testimony on SB 885

Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren, Johnson and Ananich

Excused: None

Absent: None

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting. Sen. Robertson so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Marleau announced the next item on the agenda, SB 879. Sen. Hildenbrand, Rep. Brinks, and Teresa Hendricks representing Density Matters testified in support of SB 879.

Senator Johnson entered at 9:36 a.m.

Senator Emmons entered at 9:38 a.m.

Senator Ananich entered at 9:40 a.m.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 879:

- Dr. Ahize Eke, American College of OBGYNs – Opposed
- Dr. David Strahle, Regional Medical Imaging – Support
- Tammy Kreuzer, M.D. and Renee Pinsky, M.D., Michigan Radiological Society – Opposed as written

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their positions regarding SB 879, but did not wish to speak on the bill:

- Jennifer Jurgens, a citizen - Support
- Josselin Draper, a citizen - Support
- Chris Silva, a citizen - Support
- Diane Sidebotham, a citizen- Support
- Michelle Pitsch, a citizen - Support
- Patrick VanDuinen, a citizen – Support
- Russell Young, a citizen – Support
- Kathleen Young, a citizen – Support
- James Nichols, Density Matters – Support
- Kathleen Jackson, Density Matters – Support
- Katherine O’Bryan, a citizen – Support
- Karen Castillo, a citizen – Support
- Cara Washington, a citizen – Support
- Molly Spaak, Breast Density Awareness – Support
- Nancy Brubaker, Breast Cancer Awareness – Support
- Natalia Gomez, Density Matters – Support
- Janie Mills, Density Matters – Support
- Arlene Pitsch, Density Matters – Support
- Lewis Pitsch, Density Matters – Support
- Nancy Emmerich, a citizen – Support
- Diane Kniewski, a citizen – Support
- Jodie Marlink, Density Matters – Support
- Tanis Rhodea, a citizen – Support
- Jennifer Trimmers, Density Matters – Support
- Barbara White, Density Matters – Support
- Jordan Pitsch, Density Matters – Support
- Sue VanDuinen, a citizen – Support
- Megan Smith, Citizens of West Michigan – Support
- Steve Japinga, Michigan State Medical Society – Opposed
- Chris Mitchell, MI Health and Hospital Association – Opposed

Senator Marleau announced the next item on the agenda, SB 885. Sen. Casperson and Bob Struck representing UP EMS testified in support of SB 885.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 885:

- Jeffrey Boyd, Tobi Moore, Ken Cummings, and Kolby Miller, Michigan Association of Ambulance Services – Opposed

- Dr. Dennis Whitehead, UP EMS – Support
- Bill Forbush, MI Association of Fire Chiefs – Opposed
- Gerald Peck, East Jordan EMS – Support
- Brent Siegel, South Eastern MI Fire Chiefs – Opposed
- R.J. Lennis, Rural EMS – Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their positions regarding SB 885, but did not wish to speak on the bill:

- Andrew Brown, Superior Ambulance – Opposed
- Natalia Coste, Superior Air Ground Ambulance – Opposed
- Ken Truax, Superior Ambulance Service – Opposed
- Dr. Steven Ruckoff, Superior Ambulance – Opposed
- Katherine Knoll, American Heart Association – Support
- Mark Docherty, MI Professional Firefighters Union – Opposed as written

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 11:27 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 5/28/14

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