



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

REP. BRONNA KAHLE

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

10:30 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Health Policy was called to order by Chair Kahle.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Kahle, Meerman, Whiteford, Alexander, Allor, Hauck, Filler, Mueller, Beeler, Fink, Roth, Tisdell, Witwer, Pohutsky, Stone, Neeley, Morse.

Absent: Reps. Clemente, Whitsett.

Excused: Reps. Clemente, Whitsett.

Representative Hauck moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 17, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Kahle laid before the committee presentations on Worker Shortages in Healthcare.

Dr. Julie Yaroch, President of ProMedica Charles and Virginia Hickman Hospital, gave a presentation to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Kathryn Szewczuk, Executive Director of the Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority, gave a presentation to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Scott Brown, Executive Director for Renaissance Community Homes, gave a presentation to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Bryan Krogman, Deputy Director of Community Mental Health for Central Michigan, gave a presentation to the committee.

Angela Madden, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services, gave a presentation to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Richie Farran, Vice President of Government Services for the Health Care Association of Michigan, gave a presentation to the committee.

At 11:55 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 11:57 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The Chair laid HB 5875 and HB 5876 before the committee:

HB 5875 (Rep. Kahle)

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 109 (MCL 400.109), as amended by 2018 PA 315.

HB 5876 (Rep. VanWoerkom)

A bill to amend 1945 PA 47, entitled "An act to authorize 2 or more cities, townships, and villages, or any combination of cities, townships, and villages, to incorporate a hospital authority for planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and operating 1 or more community hospitals and related buildings or structures and related facilities; to provide for the sale, lease, or other transfer of a hospital owned by a hospital authority to a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of this state for no or nominal monetary consideration; to define hospitals and community hospitals; to provide for changes in the membership therein; to authorize the cities, townships, and villages to levy taxes for community hospital purposes; to provide for the issuance of bonds; to provide for the pledge of assessments; to provide for borrowing money for operation and maintenance and issuing notes for operation and maintenance; to validate elections heretofore held and notes heretofore issued; to validate bonds heretofore issued; to authorize condemnation proceedings; to grant certain powers of a body corporate; to validate and ratify the organization, existence, and membership of entities acting as hospital authorities under the act and the actions taken by hospital authorities and by the members of the hospital authorities; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 9 (MCL 331.9), as amended by 1990 PA 69.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5875, but did not wish to speak:

Rich Farran, representing the Health Care Association of Michigan.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 5875 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 17-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kahle, Meerman, Whiteford, Alexander, Allor, Hauck, Filler, Mueller, Beeler, Fink, Roth, Tisdell, Witwer, Pohutsky, Stone, Neeley, Morse.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Alexander moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5876. The motion prevailed 16-0-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kahle, Meerman, Whiteford, Alexander, Allor, Hauck, Filler, Mueller, Beeler, Fink, Roth, Tisdell, Witwer, Stone, Neeley, Morse.

Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Pohutsky.

Representative Meerman moved to report out HB 5876 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 13-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kahle, Meerman, Whiteford, Alexander, Allor, Hauck, Filler, Mueller, Beeler, Fink, Roth, Tisdell, Witwer.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Pohutsky, Stone, Neeley, Morse.

Representative Witwer moved to excuse Representatives Clemente and Whitsett from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Kahle adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Representative Bronna Kahle, Chair

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