

HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DETROIT'S RECOVERY AND MICHIGAN'S FUTURE

Wednesday, May 15, 2014

1:58 p.m.

352 State Capitol Building

Representative John Walsh, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Walsh, Poleski, McCready, Stallworth, and Santana.

Representative McCready moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 14, 2014.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Walsh laid the following bills before the committee:

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| HB 5566 (Walsh) | State financing and management; authorities; oversight commission act; create. |
| HB 5567 (Kivela) | Cities; home rule; chief financial officer for a city with a population of more than 600,000; require, and require 4-year financial plan. |
| HB 5568 (Haines) | Cities; home rule; base pay to calculate pension benefit in a defined benefit plan established by a city with a population of more than 600,000; provide for, and provide a defined contribution plan and elimination of retiree health benefits for new hires after December 31, 2014. |
| HB 5569 (LaFontaine) | Labor; public service employment; opt-out for public employee contribution to employer-provider health care benefits; modify. |
| HB 5570 (Yonker) | Retirement; pension oversight; oversight of certain pensions of cities with a population of more than 600,000; provide for. |
| HB 5571 (Goike) | Local government; authorities; art institute authorities act; remove authorization to levy a new tax or renew an existing tax. |
| HB 5572 (Olumba) | State financing and management; funds; budget stabilization fund distributions; modify. |
| HB 5573 (Talabi) | State financing and management; funds; Michigan trust fund act; allow allocation of certain revenues into the budget stabilization fund; provide for. |

- HB 5574 (Stallworth) State financing and management; funds; budget stabilization fund distribution; provide for.
- HB 5575 (Durhal) State financing and management; authorities; Michigan settlement administration authority; create.
- HB 5576 (Haveman) Labor; arbitration; certain local government arbitration awards; make subject to the oversight commission act.

Noah Smith, representing Capitol Services, Inc., testified on the package of bills.

Michael VanOverbeke and Greg Simmons, representing the Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems, testified with a neutral position on the bill package.

Jim Casha, representing himself, testified in opposition to HB 5573.

John Lauve, representing himself, testified in opposition to HB 5575

Shirley V. Lightsey, representing the Detroit Retired City Employees Association, testified in support of the bill package.

Nick Ciaramitaro, Director of Legislation and Public Policy for the Michigan American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 25, testified on the package of bills.

Gina M. Thompson, representing herself, testified in opposition to the bill package.

Keith Davis, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill package.

Roderick Veil, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill package.

Gerald K. Belanger, representing himself, testified with a neutral position on HB 5567.

Todd Tennis, representing the Coalition for Secure Retirement, testified in opposition to HB 5568.

Fred Westbrook, representing Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 26, testified in opposition to HB 5566, HB 5568, and HB 5569.

Bill McMaster, representing Taxpayers United, testified in opposition to the bill package.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak:

Kirk A. Profit, representing Governmental Consultant Services Inc., in opposition to HB 5571.

Mike Tobias, representing Michigan Alcohol Policy, with a neutral position on the package of bills.

Annie Patnaude, representing Americans for Prosperity, in opposition to HB 5572, HB 5573, HB 5574, and HB 5575.

Cynthia Pasky, representing the Downtown Detroit Partnership, in support of the package of bills.

Ryan Plecha, representing the Detroit Retired City Employees Association and the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association, in support of the package of bills.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 3:38 p.m.

Representative John Walsh, Chair

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1 hour 40 minutes

Date Approved and Signed