

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Shirkey, Farrington, Franz, Jacobsen, Outman, Pettalia, Price, Schmidt, Zorn, Graves, Lauwers, Howrylak, Hobbs, Nathan, LaVoy, Lane, Brunner, Yanez, Lamonte, Phelps.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Stallworth.

Representative Shirkey made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Shirkey made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

A presentation regarding the Michigan Energy Assistance Program was provided by: Susan Corbin and Mike Byrne, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and Tammy Bair and Terry Beurer, representing the Department of Human Services (DHS). Topics reviewed included: Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) background; PA 95 of 2013—the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund; MEAP-Fiscal Year 2014 Heating Season; 2014 Fiscal Year MEAP Grant Awards; MEAP Evaluation; 2014 Fiscal Year MEAP Results; 2015 Fiscal Year MEAP Grant Process; and 2015 Fiscal Year MEAP Grant Awards.

Monica Martinez, Shaun Taft and Kate White, representing the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm (CTKMW) spoke to the Committee regarding energy assistance in Michigan and discussed: CTKMW membership; CTKMW mission statement, goals and focus on promotion of solutions; 2014-2014 innovative programs and program findings; lessons learned; the demand for assistance current snapshot; and challenges and opportunities. Dave Wengard, representing Truenorth Community Services, answered questions for Committee members.

Subsequent to discussion, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:25 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538