

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCIAL LIABILITY REFORM**

Thursday, November 13, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Financial Liability Reform was called to order by **Representative Earl Poleski**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Poleski, Victory, Denby, Schmidt, Callton, Jacobsen, Cavanagh, Irwin, Robinson and Barnett.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative McMillin.

Representative Victory moved to excuse Representative McMillin from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Denby moved to adopt the minutes of the **September 11, 2014**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Poleski laid **HB 5279** before the committee:

HB 5279 (Glardon) State financing and management; bonds; credit rating for issuance of a security to pay off unfunded pension or postemployment health care liability; revise.

TESTIMONY

Representative Glardon, sponsor of HB 5279, explained his bill to the committee.

Don Crawford, City Manager for the City of Owosso, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Rick Williams, Finance Director for the City of Owosso, testified in support of the bill.

Howard Ryan, Director of Legislative Affairs, Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in opposition to the bill.

Representative Barnett moved to adopt the substitute (**H-1**) to **HB 5279**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-1-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Poleski, Victory, Denby, Schmidt, Callton, Jacobsen, Cavanagh and Barnett,

Nays: Representative Robinson,

Pass: None.

Samantha Harkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League (MML), testified in support of the bill.

The following people submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Barb Farrah from Governmental Consultant Services Inc. (GCSI), representing the City of Dearborn, supports the bill.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association (MTA), supports the bill.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), supports the bill.

Chair Poleski laid **HB 5650** before the committee:

HB 5650 (Shirkey) Local government; bonds; liens on certain tax pledges; modify.

TESTIMONY

Representative Shirkey, sponsor of HB 5650, explained his bill to the committee.

Jim Spiotto, representing Chapman Advisors, testified in support of the bill.

Bill Rizzo, representing the National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation, testified in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Howard Ryan, Director of Legislative Affairs, Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in opposition to the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Bill Rizzo returned and gave additional comments.

The following people submitted a card but did not speak:

Robert Daddow, representing Oakland County, supports the bill.

Samantha Harkens, representing the Michigan Municipal League (MML), supports the bill.

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, supports the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Representative Earl Poleski, Chair
House Standing Committee on Financial Liability Reform
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Committee Clerk
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1 Hour and 24 Minutes