

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Thursday, February 7, 2013 1:00 p.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Lund, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lund, Leonard, Cotter, Glardon, Goike, LaFontaine, Lyons, Nesbitt, O'Brien, Segal, Lipton, Abed, Cochran.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Denby, Olumba.

Representative Nesbitt made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 30, 2013. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

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

Kevin Clinton, representing the Office of Finance and Insurance Regulations (OFIR) spoke to the Committee and reviewed the responsibilities of OFIR, including licensing, rate and form review, monitor financial solvency, market conduct analysis and examinations, consumer assistance, consumer education, steps to complete a home inventory, modernization of Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Mr. Clinton announced that OFIR has been designated to become a department of the state.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

SB 61 (Hune) Insurance; health care corporations; merger of corporation with a nonprofit mutual disability insurer; allow, and provide procedures.

SB 62 (Smith) Insurance; health; regulations applicable to nonprofit mutual disability insurer; revise to accommodate merger with nonprofit health care corporation.

Senators Hune and Smith reviewed the provisions of SB 61 and SB 62 with the Committee.

The following individuals submitted cards expressing an interest in addressing the Committee and stated that remarks will be presented at a future meeting regarding SB 61 and SB 62:

Lisa Dedden Cooper, representing AARP, in opposition

Don Hazaert and Ryan Sullivan, representing Michigan Consumers for Health Care, in opposition

Cards for SB 61 and SB 62 were submitted by:

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, in support

Scott Hummel, representing the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, in support

Dusty Fancher, representing AETNA, in support

Christine Caswell, representing the Elder Law Section of the State Bar, in opposition
Todd Tennis, representing the Elder Law and Disability Rights Section, State Bar of
Michigan, in opposition

K. Johnston-Calati, representing the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, in opposition
(until disability language included)

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lund declared the meeting adjourned,
the time being 1:38 p.m.

Representative Pete Lund, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538