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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Oversight and Ethics

Thursday, September 8, 2016 10:30 a.m. Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics was called to order by Representative Ed McBroom, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan. (6/6)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of July 13, 2016.

Representative Graves moved to adopt the minutes of July 13, 2016 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5826.

HB 5826 (Kesto) Civil rights; public records; prohibition for public bodies commencing civil actions against entities making FOIA requests; implement in freedom of information act.

Representative Kesto, the bill sponsor, explained the bill, and responded to a member's question.

The Chair offered and explained the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 5826.

Representative Howrylak moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 5826. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Theis, and Robinson, (4/6)

Nays: None. (0/6)

The substitute was adopted.

Julie Stafford, Publisher for the Greenville Daily News, and Elisabeth Walden Kool, News Editor for the Greenville Daily News, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Joseph E. Richotte, Attorney, who represents the Michigan Press Association and the Greenville Daily News, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Kimberly S. Buddin, Policy Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, testified in support of the bill.

Lisa McGraw, Public Affairs Manager for the Michigan Press Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Jennifer Rigterink, Legislative Associate of State Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League;

Judy Allen, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Michigan Townships Association; and
Stephanie Johnson, a lobbyist for Kandler, Reed, Khoury and Muchmore, representing Canton Township.

Deena Bosworth, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

Jane Briggs-Bunting, President for the Michigan Coalition for Open Government submitted written testimony in support of the bill, but did not testify. A copy is attached.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Pagan moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:13 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Ed McBroom, Chair
House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee