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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TAX POLICY

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: Representative Clemente.

Representative Maturen moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, August 19, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4645:

HB 4645 (Kelly) Property tax; assessments; definition of transfer of ownership; exclude limited liability companies.

Representative Kelly and David Fry, introduced the bill to the committee.

Howard Ryan and Heather Frick, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury spoke to HB 4645 without a position.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4645, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4817 and HB 4818:

HB 4817 (Iden) Individual income tax; other; Michigan junior achievement fund act; create.

HB 4818 (Iden) Individual income tax; checkoff; donation to the Michigan junior achievement fund; provide check-off option.

Representative Iden and Tom VanderMolen, representing the Junior Achievements of Michigan, introduced the bills to the committee.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in support of HB 4817 and HB 4818.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4817, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Iden moved to report HB 4818, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4647 and HB 4648:

HB 4647 (Potvin) Individual income tax; checkoff; Boy Scouts of Michigan fund; provide for.

HB 4648 (Potvin) Individual income tax; other; Boy Scouts of Michigan fund act; create.

Marc Shaberman, representing the Secular Coalition for Michigan, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4647 and HB 4648, wishing to speak.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of HB 4647 and HB 4648, but did not wish to speak:

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Matthew Thornton, representing the Boy Scouts of America.

Representative Phil Potvin.

Representative Townsend offered the following amendments to HB 4647:

1. Amend page 4, line 12, after “shall” by inserting a comma and “EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (8).”.

2. Amend page 5, line 7, after “distribute” by inserting a comma and “SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (8),”.

3. Amend page 5, following line 9, by inserting:

“(8) BEGINNING WITH THE 2016 TAX YEAR AND EACH TAX YEAR AFTER 2016:

(A) FOR FUNDS DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (7) (B), THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OR AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE FUND SHALL NOT DISTRIBUTE THOSE FUNDS TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT DOES NOT HAVE A NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND CUSTOMS AS TO RELIGION, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, OR MARITAL STATUS.

(B) FOR FUNDS THAT ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR DONATIONS TO MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED IN THIS STATE AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (7) (B), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS TO, AND SHALL NOT APPROPRIATE TO, THE RESPECTIVE FUND OF ANY CONTRIBUTION DESIGNATION FOR AN ORGANIZATION THAT DOES NOT HAVE A NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND CUSTOMS AS TO RELIGION, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, OR MARITAL STATUS.

(C) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, “SEXUAL ORIENTATION” MEANS HAVING AN ORIENTATION FOR HETEROSEXUALITY, HOMOSEXUALITY, OR BISEXUALITY OR HAVING A HISTORY OF SUCH AN ORIENTATION OR BEING IDENTIFIED WITH SUCH AN ORIENTATION.” And renumbering the remaining subsection.

Representative Townsend moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4647.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-9-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Townsend, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, and Webber.

PASS: None.

Representative Glenn moved to report HB 4647, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 11-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representative Townsend.

PASS: None.

Representative Townsend offered the following amendments to HB 4648:

1. Amend page 1, following line 6, by inserting “(c) “Sexual orientation” means having an orientation for heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality or having a history of such an orientation or being identified with such an orientation.”.

2. Amend page 1, line 9, after “state” by inserting “that has a nondiscrimination policy prohibiting discriminatory practices, policies, and customs as to religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, height, weight, or marital status”.

Representative Townsend moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4648.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-9-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Townsend, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, and Webber.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4648, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 11-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representative Townsend.

PASS: None.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:40 a.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
September 16, 2015
1 hour 10 minutes

Date Approved and Signed