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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
WORKFORCE AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, November 5, 2015                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Workforce and Talent Development was called to order by Chairman Johnson.

Members present: Reps. Johnson, Tedder, Farrington, Price, Lauwers, Crawford, Iden, Brett Roberts, Brinks, Townsend, Geiss, Greig, Liberati, Love.  
Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Tedder moved to adopt the minutes of October 29, 2015. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Johnson laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 372            (Zorn)            Law enforcement; fire personnel; firefighter certification reciprocity; provide for.

Representative Farrington moved to report out SB 372 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 14-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Johnson, Tedder, Farrington, Price, Lauwers, Crawford, Iden, Brett Roberts, Brinks, Townsend, Geiss, Greig, Liberati, Love.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: None.

Chairman Johnson laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 500            (Horn)            Employment security; benefits; provision related to taxable wage base reduction; modify.

Jami Des Chenes from Senator Horn's office and Stephanie Comai, Director of the Michigan Talent Investment Agency, testified in support of the bill.

Delaney McKinley, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, and Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of the bill.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

Tony Stamas, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan.  
Andy Johnston, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.  
Justin Winslow, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association.  
Chris Mitchell, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.  
Taylor Benavente, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.  
Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business – Michigan, and submitted written testimony.  
Linda Golden, representing the Michigan Grocers Association.  
Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Homebuilders Association.  
Dave Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers Association.  
Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:03 a.m.

**Representative Joel Johnson, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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