



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE, TRADES, AND TALENT
REP. BETH GRIFFIN
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Workforce, Trades, and Talent was called to order by the Chair.

The Chair requested attendance be called. The Clerk called the attendance and a quorum was present.

Present: Reps. Griffin, Martin, Howell, Farrington, Eisen, Markkanen, Sabo, Hope, O'Neal.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Farrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 20, 2021. There being no objections, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4434 before the committee:

HB 4434 (Rep. Stone)

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending sections 2 and 32b (MCL 421.2 and 421.32b), section 2 as amended by 2011 PA 268 and section 32b as amended by 2011 PA 269, and by adding section 32e.

Representative Lori Stone, the bill sponsor, explained the (H-1) substitute for HB 4434.

Stephanie Glidden, Chief of Staff and Legislative Liaison for Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency submitted a card and written testimony in opposition to HB 4434 as substituted but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of HB 4434 as substituted, but did not wish to speak:

Sean Sorenson-Abbott, representing Michigan Health and Hospital Association;

Craig Bryson and Leslie Shepard; and

Peter Ruark, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Representative Sabo moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4434. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Griffin, Martin, Howell, Farrington, Eisen, Markkanen, Sabo, Hope, O'Neal.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Representative Martin moved to report out HB 4434 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Griffin, Martin, Howell, Farrington, Eisen, Markkanen, Sabo, Hope, O'Neal.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Al Pscholka, former State of Michigan Budget Director and Vice-President of Public Relations and Government Affairs for Kinexus Group updated the committee on Michigan's present labor market. Questions followed. A copy of his handout is attached.

There being no further business before the committee; Representative Markkanen moved that the committee adjourn. There being no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Representative Beth Griffin, Chair

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