

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY**

REP. BRONNA KAHLE CHAIR

## **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 25, 10:30 Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol 2021 AM Building

The House Committee on Health Policy was called to order by Chair Kahle.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Kahle, Meerman, Whiteford, Alexander, Allor, Hauck, Filler, Mueller,

Beeler, Fink, Roth, Tisdel, Witwer, Pohutsky, Stone, Whitsett, Neeley, Morse.

Absent: Rep. Clemente. Excused: Rep. Clemente.

Representative Filler moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 24, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4317 and HB 4318 before the committee:

HB 4317 (Rep. Witwer) A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public

health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by

adding section 21769.

HB 4318 (Rep. Kahle) A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public

health code," by amending section 5145 (MCL 333.5145), as added by 2020 PA 231, and by

adding section 5145b.

Representative Witwer, testified in support of HB 4317. Questions and discussion followed.

Chair Kahle, testified in support of HB 4318. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4317 and HB 4318, but did not wish to speak:

Melissa Seifert, representing the AARP Michigan.

The Chair laid HB 4346 and HB 4356 before the committee:

HB 4346 (Rep. Cambensy) A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The

insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to

500.8302) by adding section 3406v.

HB 4356 (Rep. Meerman) A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public

health code," by amending sections 5553, 5555, 5557, and 5561 (MCL 333.5553, 333.5555, 333.5557, and 333.5561), as added by 2014 PA

269.

Representative Cambensy, testified in support of HB 4346. Questions and discussion followed.

Dominick Pallone, representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans, testified in opposition to HB 4346. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4346, but did not wish to speak:

Gary Dougherty, representing the American Diabetes Association.

Melissa Seifert, representing the AARP Michigan.

Amber Bellazaire, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4346, but did not wish to speak:

Bret Jackson, representing The Economic Alliance for Michigan.

Mary Haffenbredl, representing the Americas Health Insurance Plans.

Kris Kraft, representing the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Representative Meerman, testified in support of HB 4356. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Roger Seelye, representing the Michigan Optometric Association, testified in opposition to HB 4356. Questions and discussion followed.

Erik Casteneda, representing 1-800 Contacts, testified in support of HB 4356. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4356, but did not wish to speak:

Greg George, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Kyle Zebley, representing the American Telemedicine Association.

Representative Pohutsky moved to excuse Representative Clemente from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Kahle adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.

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