



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

REP. BRONNA KAHLE

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:30 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol 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, Tisdell, Witwer, Clemente, Pohutsky, Stone, Whitsett, Neeley, Morse.
Absent: None.
Excused: None.

The Chair laid HB 4359 before the committee:

HB 4359 (Rep. Whiteford)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 17210 and 17708 (MCL 333.17210 and 333.17708), section 17210 as amended by 2017 PA 22 and section 17708 as amended by 2020 PA 4.

Dr. Roy Soto, representing the Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists, testified in opposition to HB 4359. Questions and discussion followed.

Bret Jackson, representing the Economic Alliance for Michigan, testified in support of HB 4359. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4359, but did not wish to speak:

Dawn Kettinger, representing the Michigan Nurses Association.

John Shaski, representing the Sparrow Health System.

Heather Nicholoff, representing the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4359, but did not wish to speak:

Robert Isacksen MD, representing himself.

The Chair laid HB 4347 before the committee:

HB 4347 (Rep. Witwer)

A bill to require drug manufacturers to report certain information to the department of insurance and financial services; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities; to allow for the promulgation of rules; and to prescribe civil sanctions.

Representative Witwer, testified in support of HB 4347. Questions and discussion followed.

Sharon Lamberton, representing PhRMA, testified in opposition to HB 4347. Questions and discussion followed.

Kris Kraft and Tim Antonelli, representing the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4347. Questions and discussion followed.

Greg Hoke, representing the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), testified in opposition to HB 4347. Questions and discussion followed.

Karen Jonas, representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans, testified in support of HB 4347. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4347, but did not wish to speak:
Holly Pendell, representing the National MS Society.
Andy Johnston, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber.

The Chair laid HB 4353 before the committee:

HB 4353 (Rep. Kahle)

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3406v.

Chair Kahle, testified in support of HB 4353.

Sarah Procaro, representing the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4353. Questions and discussion followed.

Tim Wicks, representing himself, testified in support of HB 4353.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4353, but did not wish to speak:
Holly Pendell, representing the National MS Society.
Peter Fotos, representing the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.
Alice Betz, representing the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4353, but did not wish to speak:
Micah Babcock, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan.
Mary Haffenbredl, representing the Americas Health Insurance Plans.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Bronna Kahle adjourned the meeting at 11:57 AM.

Representative Bronna Kahle, Chair

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