MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by Chairman Vaupel.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Schor, Garrett.

Representative Tedder moved to adopt the minutes of November 1, 2017. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Vaupel recognized Representative Tedder who introduced presentations on oncology by:

Jim Kremidas, Executive Director for the Association of Clinical Research Professionals. Jim Kremidas gave an overview on the importance of clinical research.

Dr. Gregory Yanik, Professor of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology, at the University of Michigan’s C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital. Dr. Yanik gave updates on breakthroughs in clinical research.

Tracy Baroni-Allmon, Executive Director of Health Policy, Novartis Oncology. Tracy Baroni-Allmon gave an overview of the research and development that Novartis engages in for oncology drugs.

Andrew Schepers, representing the American Cancer Society – Cancer Action Network; and Madison Horton and her mother, Laura Horton, patient and patient caregiver. Madison and Laura Horton gave the patient / caregiver perspective of a cancer patient’s journey.

Questions and discussion followed the presentations.

Dr. Yanik returned to address questions. Discussion followed.

Chairman Vaupel laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4629 (Hoadley) Health facilities; hospitals; development of a staffing plan for nurses; require.
HB 4630  (Chang)  Health facilities; hospitals; mandatory overtime for nurses; prohibit except under certain circumstances.

HB 4631  (Miller)  Health facilities; hospitals; record of direct care registered professional nurse-to-patient ratios for each unit for each shift; require hospitals to maintain.

Representative Chang; Dawn Kettinger, representing the Michigan Nurses Association; and Katie Scott, R. N., testified together in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Hoadley joined the panel and testified in support of HB 4629. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Miller joined the panel and testified in support of HB 4631.

Joyce Young and Renay Gagleard, representing the Michigan Organization of Nurse Leadership, Trinity Health and St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems, testified in opposition to the bills.

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

Keir Scott, representing self.
Tina Ray, representing self.
John Armelegos, representing self.
Elizabeth Jodezak, representing self.
Kim Bogan, representing self.
Katie Scott, representing the Michigan Nurses Association.
Leanne Heilig, representing self.
Karen Bryde, representing self.
Alicia Flores, representing Pecsh-Sparrow Hospital and the Michigan Nurses Association.
Kris Coble, representing the Michigan Nurses Association.
Elizabeth Wright, representing the Michigan Nurses Association.
Janie Klamerus, representing self.
Jessica Lannon, representing self.
Tammy Sustarich, representing self.
Adrienne Blouin, representing self.
Katie Oppenheim, representing self.
Jeff Breslin, representing self.
Lisa Lins, representing self.
Lori Certo, representing self.
Robert Mavrogordato, representing self.
Mary Wilson, representing self.
Susan White, representing self.
Kris Hough, representing self.
Katie Pontifex, representing self.
Tammy Parsons, representing self.
The following people submitted a card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Elizabeth Kutter, representing the Henry Ford Health System.
Sean Gehle, representing Ascension Michigan.
John McNamara, representing McLaren Health Care.
Paige Fults, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, and submitted written testimony.
Megan Petzko-Sweet, representing Beaumont Health.

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a card and written testimony with a neutral position on the bills, wishing to speak but unable due to time constraints.

Representative Brinks moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Vaupel adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:28 a.m.

**Representative Hank Vaupel, Chair**

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