

House Finance Committee

Minutes

April 27, 2017

Chairman Smith called the meeting of the House Finance Committee to order at 9:13 am in Statehouse Room 313. Attendance was taken and a quorum was not present. The committee operated as a subcommittee.

Chairman Smith called up Substitute House Bill 49 for its twelfth hearing.

Chairman Smith invited Ms. Jessica Koehler, Director of Legislative Affairs at Ohio Right to Life, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. Koehler answered the questions of the committee.

A quorum was met and the committee operated as the full Finance Committee. The minutes from the April 26, 2017 committee meeting were approved without objection.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. Ken Radtke Jr., Chester Township Trustee, to provide opponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Radtke answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. James Flaiz, Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney, to provide opponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Flaiz answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. John Bruening, board member at the Opticians Association of Ohio, to provide opponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Bruening answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. Matt Stanton, Senior Director of Distance Health at the Cleveland Clinic, to provide proponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Stanton answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Amy Dorrington, Director of Telehealth at UC Health, to provide proponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. Dorrington answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Cheri Walter, CEO of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. Walter answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Dr. John McNay, President of the Ohio Conference AAUP, to provide opponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Dr. McNay answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Rosemary Prier, Director of Operations of Elizabeth's New Life Center, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. Prier answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Patricia Todak, Executive Director of Heartbeat of Toledo, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. Todak answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Lisa Hamler-Fugit, Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. Hamler-Fugit answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. Matt Verber, Executive Director of Policy and Advocacy at Educopia, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Verber answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Julie DiRossi-King, COO of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. DiRossi-King answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Barbara Shaner, Associate Executive Director of the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO), to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. Shaner answered the questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Mr. John Newsome, Administrator of the Columbus Department of Public Utilities Division of Sewage Drainage, to provide opponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Newsome answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. Joel Potts, Executive Director of the Ohio Job and Family Service Directors Association, to provide proponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Potts answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. Thomas Adkins, Director of the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library, Mr. Joe Palmer, Director of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library and Kim Fender, Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati, to provide interested testimony on Sub. HB 49. The Witnesses answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Nany McArthur, Mayor of the City of Chardon, to provide opponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. McArthur answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. Mark Davis, President of the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA), to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Davis answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Pat McKnight, State Policy Representative at the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, to provide opponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. No questions were asked of Ms. McKnight.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. Doug Kelly, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish, and Dr. Anup Patel, Director, Complex Epilepsy Clinic, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. No questions were asked of the witnesses.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Mr. Howard Warner, former executive director of the Ohio Barber Board, to provide opponent testimony on Sub. HB 49. Mr. Warner answered the questions of the committee.

Vice Chairman Ryan invited Ms. Angela Van Fossen, Director, Legislative Affairs of the Ohio Contractors Association, to provide interested party testimony on Sub. HB 49. Ms. Van Fossen answered the questions of the committee.

Written testimony on Sub. HB 49 was provided by Woody Woodward of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association, Amber Knott of Exepdia, Elayne Blidestone, Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio, Dr. William Pease of the Ohio Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Julie Moore of the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, Dr. Carl Foster of the Alliance Community Hospital, Jennifer Ruschman of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Maria Johar of ProMedica, Steve Gracey of TriHealth, Sara Junk of Pike County Job and Family Services, Joseph Neville of the National Association of Optometrists and Opticians, Trent Dougherty of the Ohio Environmental Council, Clark County judges, Judy Peyko, citizen, John Little of Muskingum County, Dr. Mark Memo of the Ohio Urological Society, Wayne Deschambeau, of Wayne HealthCare, Gretchen Roberts of OhioHealth, Sam Spofforth of Clean Fuels Ohio, Melissa Wervey Arnold of the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Geoff Andrews of INFOhio, Jeff Stephens of the American Cancer Society, Thomas Capper of the Clark County Common Pleas Court, Carl Szabo of NetChoice, Micah Derry of Americans for Prosperity, Eben Peck of the American Society of Travel Agents, Bobbie Singh-Allen of the Independent Lodging Industry Association, Dustin Brighton of the Internet Association, Janet Hales of the Ohio Law Poverty Center, the Ohio Service Industry Coalition, Elizabeth Martinez of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio, Brian Gresser of the Association of Ohio Metropolitan Wastewater Agencies, Keith Kerns of the Ohio Optometric Association, Bill Adams, citizen, and Pete Van Runkle of the Ohio Health Care Association.

The committee adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Ryan Smith, Chair

Dan Ramos, Secretary