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3 **Title: Physician Assistant Programs**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**
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11 **House Action: Disapproved**
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14 **Whereas, changes are evolving in medical practices and there is a need**
15 **for the manpower necessary to deliver medical care, and**
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17 **Whereas, the Affordable Care Act is expected to cause significant**
18 **increases in the number of patients seeking medical care, and**
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20 **Whereas, timely access to primary care will require a team-based**
21 **approach using physician extenders in the future to meet patient needs, and**
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23 **Whereas, the use of well-trained physician assistants (PAs) plays a vital**
24 **role in meeting these needs when working in collaboration with physicians,**
25 **particularly in primary care, and**
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27 **Whereas, institutions such as Oakland University are now developing**
28 **programs for qualified candidates; therefore be it**
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30 **RESOLVED: That MSMS support the monitoring of high-quality**
31 **physician assistant programs in Michigan and provide recommendations where**
32 **and when indicated.**
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35 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**