



**State Senator**  
**HANSEN CLARKE**  
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**Committees:** Commerce and Tourism (Minority Vice Chair); Health Policy (Minority Vice Chair);  
Banking and Financial Institutions; Energy Policy and Public Utilities; Government  
Operations; Judiciary; Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; Legislative Retirement  
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**Biography:** Democrat, of Detroit; born March 2, 1957; native Detroiter; B.F.A., Cornell University,  
1984; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1987; attorney; former chief of staff  
to Congressman John Conyers; served as executive assistant for Wayne County  
Executive Edward H. McNamara, and as associate Wayne County executive; former  
president of the Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association; former trustee of  
the Michigan Housing Trust Fund, and undergraduate student member of the Cornell  
University Board of Trustees; member, Cornell University Council; former vice chair,  
National Conference of State Legislatures Economic Development, Trade and Cultural  
Affairs Committee; member, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; member, Michigan  
Legislative Black Caucus; elected to the House of Representatives, 1990, 1998, 2000;  
Minority Whip; elected to the State Senate, 2002, 2006.

