

HB165 Opponent Testimony 6-18-19

Chair Louis W. Blessing III, Vice Chair Don Jones, Ranking Member Phillip M. Robinson, Jr. and members of the Primary and Secondary Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony for HB165

I am opposed to HB165 because adopting such recommended "universal" governmental health educational standards can and have led to unintended and unanticipated consequences.

If you look at past history, what you find is that these well intended recommended standards incrementally, over period of years, grow by the influence of special interest groups, through lobbyists with financial influence, whereby their recommendations become mandates because they unseemly come across as the only recognized authority of health issues which the public must sheepishly follow.

An example is a group called Healthy People which originated over 40 years ago whose well-intended purpose was to create health awareness and promote healthy behavior. And what has that group accomplished? That group ended up as a consortium of multiplies of government and public agencies and organizations that ultimately influenced its arbitrary goals onto society leading to bureaucratic control and mandatory medical procedures encroaching upon the medical and civil rights of individuals to live in society. This is what is called the power of governmental bureaucratic creep by influential lobbyists of special interests. These organizations develop and nurture close and long term alliances with government public health and private industries which then manifests as government mandates. I see this kind of legislation allowing another consortium of organizations contributing to the manifestation of government mandates that supposedly know what is best for a society, whose freedoms are just one generation away of being taken away and lost.

Please do not allow this legislation to be passed in the State of Ohio. The constituents of Ohio are strapped enough by the present well-intended health standards let alone what is proposed by this legislation.

If you have questions on my testimony, I will give you my answers.

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