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**Senate Bill 318**  
**Sponsor Testimony**  
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Chairman Schuring, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Senate General Government and Agency Review committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 318.

As you know, Senate Bill 30 to create the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission was passed unanimously by the General Assembly last year in order to allow for celebrations and events to be planned to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Suffrage. This Commission was to expire on December 31, 2020.

With the unforeseen rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, these events and planning for commemoration events across the state and country have been cancelled. Senate Bill 318 would extend the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission to December 31, 2021. This extension will allow for events to be rescheduled for next summer and for planning to continue past the current end date of the Commission. Those serving on this Commission shall continue to serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

Under Senate Bill 318 and the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Fund, will also sunset on December 31, 2021.

Chairman Schuring and members of the Senate Government and Agency Review Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 318. We are happy to answer any questions that the committee might have.