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Thank you, Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Antonio and my esteemed colleagues in the Health Committee for the opportunity to give sponsor testimony on House Bill 241.

House Bill 241 requires the Department of Health to establish a population-based diabetes registry, which is to be known as the "Ohio Diabetes Registry." It will:

1. Monitor the incidence of each type of diabetes in the state
2. Permit the Department to accept and administer grants from the federal government and other sources, public or private, for carrying out this purpose.

This legislation requires each hospital, physician, or other health care provider who diagnoses an individual with diabetes, regardless of the type of diabetes diagnosed, to report that new case to the Department of Health. The report must contain the data the Department specifies in rules. At a minimum, this includes the following:

1. The date of diagnosis;
2. Age at time of diagnosis;
3. The type of diabetes diagnosed;
4. Whether the individual has a family history of diabetes;
5. The individual's height and weight; and
6. The individual's sex, race, ethnicity, and residential address.

The bill also creates the Ohio Diabetes Registry Advisory Council to advise the Department on implementing the Ohio Diabetes Registry. The Council's membership must include:

- A representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of individuals in Ohio with diabetes;

- An epidemiologist who practices in Ohio and is certified by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.;
- Two pediatric endocrinologists who practice in Ohio and are certified by a board that is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties;
- Two endocrinologists who practice in Ohio, are certified by a board that is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties, and who regularly treat adult patients with diabetes;
- An obstetrician who practices in Ohio and who regularly treats women with gestational diabetes;
- Two adults, one with type 1 diabetes and the other with type 2 diabetes; and
- A woman who was diagnosed with gestational diabetes.

Additionally, House Bill 241 requires the Department, with assistance from one or more state universities or medical research centers or institutes, to analyze and evaluate diabetes information reported to it. The Department must publish on its website a summary of information in the Ohio Diabetes Registry.

Diabetes is a growing epidemic in our state. This legislation dictates that a physician, hospital, or other health care provider who fails to report a new case of diabetes to the Department is guilty of a minor misdemeanor, which is the same penalty that applies to those who fail to report new cases of cancer, HIV and AIDS, and specified infectious and occupational diseases to the Department under existing law.

We must come together to work together to address the public health emergency diabetes has become. Thank you again for this opportunity, I would be happy to answer any questions.