

Chair Lipps, Vice Chair Stewart, and members of the House Public Health Policy Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Shimoura, and I am a third-year medical student at the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences. I am a constituent of Toledo, Ohio (43614). I am writing in support of House Bill 89 "Regards intimate examination of anesthetized, unconscious patient". As a medical student, I am taught to practice consent, respect and to put the patient's well-being above my personal benefit. In the same way that other elective procedures must be explained and consent obtained before surgery, I believe the same should apply for learning opportunities like pelvic exams. This is a skill that we are able to learn with consent, and therefore should **only** be practiced with consent. Patients, especially patients who would be subject to pelvic exams, already experience a significant amount of trauma at the hands of the medical system. Unconsented procedures will only further patient distrust and harbor resentment with the medical community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Shimoura