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Senate Bill 270

Ohio Senate Health Committee

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Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 270.

This legislation would designate the 20th of March, Ameloblastoma Awareness Day for Ohio. The idea to create such a day was brought to my attention by a constituent of mine, Emily Hosler, who has been recovering from Ameloblastoma for a year now.

Ameloblastoma is a rare condition, where a cancerous tumor develops in the jaw. Fortunately, a majority of these tumors are benign, though cause significant discomfort and can be difficult to remove

surgically. Skin and bone grafts are often necessary for those afflicted.

Roughly 300 cases of Ameloblastoma are diagnosed each year across the United States, and around 12 cases annually here in Ohio. Spreading awareness for this rare disease is necessary and can remove the stigma sometimes felt by those diagnosed.

Fortunately, for individuals like Emily Hosler, she did not let Ameloblastoma impede her life and is now well on the road to recovery. The date, March 20th, was selected to commemorate her surgery, letting it be a reminder of perseverance for others.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have at this time.