



Senator Andrew O. Brenner – 19th District
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Senate Bill 152 – Sponsor Testimony

Chair Schaffer, Vice Chair Koehler, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 152, legislation that would allow wild animal rehabilitation facilities access to euthanasia medication to best care for severely injured wildlife.

Wild animal rehabilitation facilities do important work in the care and treatment of injured, diseased, and orphaned native wildlife, with the intention to release them once rehabilitated. In 2023, the Division of Wildlife reported 34,044 orphaned or injured animals were admitted to centers across the state. Unfortunately, a majority of animals admitted to these facilities are unable to be rehabilitated.

Current code does not permit wild animal rehabilitation facilities to have access to medications necessary for the humane euthanasia of severely injured or diseased wildlife. This legislation would add wild animal rehabilitation facilities to the list of entities permitted access to these medications. These facilities would be required to comply with all the safety standards that other entities with access to euthanasia medications must follow. One such requirement being maintaining personnel who have completed a euthanasia technician certification course.

This legislation will ensure that wild animal rehabilitation facilities across Ohio are able to best care for our native wildlife. Thank you again, Chair Schaffer and members of the committee. I am happy to answer any questions.