

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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HB 511, establishing a commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

Hearing Date: April 18, 2017

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley, Avard, Gray, Fuller Clark and Hennessey

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill establishes a commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

Sponsors:

Rep. Messmer

Rep. T. Le

Rep. Cushing

Sen. Fuller Clark

Rep. Bean

Rep. R. Tilton

Rep. P. Gordon

Sen. Bradley

Rep. Malloy

Rep. H. Marsh

Sen. Feltes

Who supports the bill: Sen. Fuller Clark; Rep. Renny Cushing; Rep. Mindi Messmer; Rep. Jeffrey Salloway; Lindsey Carmichael; Deborah White; Bob Dunn, NH Nurse Practitioners Association; Alayna Davis; Michelle Dalton; Rep. Jerry Knirk

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Rep. Mindi Messmer – Rock 24

- This bill seeks to create a commission that would come up with a way to create a system to use data to identify environmentally triggered chronic illnesses.
- This commission is not intended to create more data needs but is supposed to use the data we already have.
- Passed the House unanimously on the consent calendar.

Sen. Fuller Clark – Can you clarify what the amendment in the house did.

Rep. Mesmer – It altered the makeup of the commission.

Rep. Jefferey Salloway – Strafford 5

- Medicine has constantly been trying to find data on what environmental triggers might cause diseases.

- If we do not look at the data we will not find the instances of diseases.

Lindsay Carmichael – Public Health Professional

- Our communities continue to be negatively impacted by environmental concerns.
- Health impacts from PFC exposure take years to be shown.
- Our country is seeing a rise of environmentally triggered illness which can be prevented.
- Costs associated with these issues are very expensive.
- Exposure to something like PFC's can impact families for generations.
- A proactive healthcare model is much more effective than a reactive one.

Deb White – Seacoast Resident

- Support this bill.
- Has extensive experience in studying public health.
- We need to continue expanding our studies of environmental health.

Alayna Davis – Seacoast Resident

- Son was exposed to PFC's at the trade port.
- We must study environmentally triggered health concerns as they are a threat to our health.
- There is contamination around the state.
- There needs to be more education on these environmentally triggered illnesses.
- Many physicians are not familiar with PFC's so more research is needed.

Michele Dalton

- Support this bill
- Son was exposed to high levels of PFCs during pregnancy while she worked at Pease and drank the water.
- PFCs pass from the mother to the child at very high levels.
- We need to act; her son is not the only one this has happened to.
- Our state is facing a big problem and this is a step in the right direction.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

Future Action: Ought to Pass with Amendment

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