

HCS HB 1720 -- ROHHAD AWARENESS DAY

SPONSOR: Hodges

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 19 to 0.

This bill designates May 7 as Reagann Duenne ROHHAD Awareness Day in Missouri. Rapid-Onset Obesity with Hypothalamic Dysfunction, Hypoventilation and Autonomic Dyregulation (ROHHAD) is a rare syndrome characterized by rapid-onset obesity in the first 10 years of life. The bill encourages Missouri citizens to participate in awareness and educational activities on the symptoms and impact of ROHHAD and to support programs that advance the treatment, assist in finding a cure, enhance the quality of life of ROHHAD children, and ease the financial burden of families with children suffering from the syndrome.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that ROHHAD is a rare disease that affects children at an early age. There are only two documented cases of ROHHAD in Missouri and 100 documented cases worldwide. The bill would bring awareness about the disease and its symptoms.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hodges and BJ Duenne.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.