

HB 1538 -- BRACHIAL PLEXUS AWARENESS MONTH

SPONSOR: Vescovo

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill designates the month of October as "Brachial Plexus Awareness Month" and encourages citizens to observe the month with appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of brachial plexus injuries.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that many brachial plexus injuries happen during child birth and if not diagnosed and addressed within the first 13 to 18 months, permanent damage will occur. This bill will bring awareness to the injury and help medical personnel diagnose the injury quickly.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Vescovo; Clint Minnear; Alison Snyder-Warwick, United Brachial Plexus Network Washington University; Anise Braggs; Kimberly Grinston; and Alannah Marie Davis.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.