

Good morning, Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the committee, my name is Jamie Dunphy and I'm with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

I'm here to voice support for SB 491 in hopes of creating new opportunities for cancer patients to plan for their future families despite their disease.

More than 80,000 young adults between the ages of 20-30 are diagnosed with cancer each year. Some cancer treatments can cause infertility, and as a result, individuals with cancer may choose to preserve their fertility prior to treatment.

Failure to preserve fertility is a common regret that may affect survivors' quality-of life. ACS CAN supports requiring insurance plans to cover standard fertility preservation services for cancer patients and survivors, as defined by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) or the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

This bill will bring a level of comfort to individuals who are facing some of the biggest challenges of their lives, some of the scariest decisions they will ever have to face, and will reduce the potential burden of their treatment in a small but meaningful way.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network urges your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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