

HB1321

Favorable

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I ask the members of the committee to return a favorable report on House Bill 1321, requiring facilities that perform abortions report on the incidence of gastroschisis in aborted fetuses. This congenital abnormality has over a 90% survival rate. This bill would provide a better understanding of the incidence of gastroschisis and resolution of those cases. In the name of science I would prefer that more information was available on the incidence of fetal anomalies in aborted fetuses to better understand the true rates of these conditions and the false positive and false negative rates of existing diagnostic tests. This is particularly important in cases where either (1) like gastroschisis, the condition has a high survival rate; or (2) like Down syndrome, the false positive rate is high compared to the positive rate. Return a favorable report on HB 1321.