

HB 68 -- PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS

SPONSOR: Kelley (127)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill designates the month of November as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" and encourages Missourians to participate in appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of pancreatic cancer, which is incurable and has a low rate of survival due to the advanced stage of the disease when symptoms typically present themselves.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cancer killer, with only a 6% survival rate; yet it receives less funding for research and public awareness than other cancer causes. Designating November as pancreatic cancer month will help raise awareness.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelley; and Nina Dean.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.