

Testimony in Support of HB5530

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The Select Committee on Children has a duty as part of the General Assembly in the state of Connecticut to acknowledge and allow for passage the proposed bill of H.R. No. 5530, 'An Act Concerning Dissection Choice.' One of the many roles of this committee is to see that children throughout our great state are given the option to thrive academically and socially without having to trample upon their ethical, religious or secular beliefs.

Forcing students to dissect deceased animals may very well interfere with their ability to learn required information, cause psychological trauma or even sway their choice of a career in the sciences. Alternatives to inhumane dissection already exist for animals such as frogs, feral pigs, cats, earthworms, fish, crustaceans, rats, et. al.

Allow Connecticut to stand in line with 15 other states that have passed similar laws and resolutions. We can be a model for other states to allow their students to create more inclusive learning environments and encourage the integration of human learning methods.