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Action:	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
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Meeting Dates:	3/25, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Recognizes addiction as a disease. Defines addiction as a “chronic relapsing brain disease affecting an individual’s behavior.” Resolves that prevention and treatment should address biological, behavioral and environmental factors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Personal story of treating child with addiction
- Medical model of addiction treatment
- Provisions of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Defines addiction as a “chronic relapsing brain disease affecting an individual’s behavior.”

BACKGROUND: The disease model of addiction supposes biological, neurological, genetic and environmental sources of origin. This differs from moral and medical models, which attribute addiction to abnormal conditions which cause distress or to moral weakness. The disease model asserts that the onset and development of addiction is influenced through genetic predisposition and environmental factors.

HCR 16-A is a Legislative declaration that addiction is a chronic relapsing brain disease affecting an individual’s behavior and that treatment should address biological, behavioral and environmental factors.

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