

Testimony on HB 1373

Chairman Ruby and Members of the House Humans Service Committee:

I am writing today to ask you to OPPOSE HB 1373. This bill would have devastating, consequences for women, families, and medical care providers.

As a state, we are already dealing with issues attracting medical care providers. If this were to pass, women's healthcare WILL suffer. Why would anyone want to provide healthcare to women in a state that could prosecute them for doing just that? IVF will basically be inaccessible.

And how would this bill deal with miscarriages? Would women be able to access the appropriate care? Would they be facing investigative inquiry? How are you going to determine that the miscarriage was spontaneous? 10-20% of pregnancies end in miscarriage. Why are we attempting to punish women during a devastating moment of loss? Why is the government involved at all in the medical decisions of its citizens?

Quite frankly, this bill is a massive overreach from the party of "small government". The state should NOT be interfering in medical care, period. It is an attempt to legislate a narrow and specifically Christian viewpoint of when life starts into state government.

HB1373 is a misguided, under-cooked bill that would have far reaching consequences for your constituents. I am urging you to OPPOSE and DO NOT PASS HB 1373.

Thank you.