

Testimony in Opposition to HB1373

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I would like to encourage the committee to give this bill a “Do Not Pass” recommendation.

Personhood measures simply enable legislators to incorporate their own ideological viewpoints and biases into laws that should be based on science and evidence. It serves to purpose other than bringing harmful effects on those with troubled pregnancies facing health issues as well as those trying to get pregnant through IVF methods. Individuals in these positions need care and understanding as well as the ability to find help that is not under threat of repercussions if offering treatment.

Fetal personhood bills extent far beyond abortion; also affected would be fertility treatments, birth control options, and even child tax credits.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB1373 and leave women’s health alone. Thank you.