

I am writing to oppose HB 1373. This bill insists that the religiously based, unscientific terminology be used of "unborn child" rather than "fetus." It requires that measures can only be used to save the life of a mother after "reasonable steps" have been taken to save the fetus which heavily implies that a fetus has more right to existence than does an impregnated human being. "Reasonable steps" is also very vague and vague language will result in women and often also the fetus dying as medical professionals will not know what is truly meant. This bill also insists on the religiously based definition that a human child's life begins at conception, conflicting with a number of other religious traditions. I believe this bill will result in confusion and a rise in both infant and maternal mortality and therefore I cannot support HB 1373 and ask you not to, as well. Thank you.