

SB0423

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Favorable

Please issue a favorable opinion on Senate Bill 423.

The amount of money spent by the state is considerable, as laid out in the fiscal note. Many of us in the state are opposed to the state paying for something that we consider immoral, especially when those funds could go toward many other more appropriate programs.

However, funding for abortions is unpopular even among those who support abortion, much less popular than abortion itself. A January Marist poll shows that Americans oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortion by a margin of 58% to 38%. This includes 34% of those identifying as pro-choice, 31% of those identifying as Democratic voters, and 65% of those identifying as independent voters.

For these brief reasons, I ask that you return a favorable report on SB0423.