

Finance - HB1171 - FAVORABLE

Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman, and the Finance Committee;

Pregnant people should have the right to decide what to do with their pregnancies, whether it's to continue them or to end them. People should also have the right to prevent pregnancy. To not have these rights is to discriminate against a certain class of people, largely based on their reproductive organs. A pregnant person and an embryo/ fetus cannot have equal rights (as in, it's not possible), and a pregnant person shouldn't be forced to give up their bodily autonomy. Restrictions on reproductive choice are religious and about allowing men to control people with uteri, neither of which should be permitted.

I urge you to give HB1171 a Favorable Report.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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