

HB0735

Favorable

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I ask the members of the committee to return a favorable report on House Bill 735.

This bill seeks to set a new scientific standard as the basis for when abortion should NOT be performed. This bill recognizes that the beating of a human heart is detectable in utero, and when that heartbeat can be detected, human life should be protected. Penalties are provided not for the woman, but for the physician who has a responsibility to comply with the law when they determine that a heartbeat is present.

The bill goes further in providing requirements relating to informed consent, sonogram, and protection from coercion. Each of these is designed to provide women with protection and information on the life within her and the procedure she will undergo,

The provisions of this bill boldly look to support life as well as informing and protecting women as they consider abortion. I stand with the sponsors of this bill on the side of protecting human life in the womb—a beating heart means something, especially coupled with all the other scientific markers of human life growing to maturity over the next 20 or so years.

I ask that you return a favorable report on House Bill 735 for the reasons outlined above.