

Oppose SB341 - Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Reproductive Health Services Plans – Requirements

As described in the bill the plan includes a broad range of services, education, expensive and sometimes risky treatments, expensive patented drugs, and transportation. Much of the costs appears to be born by the institutions themselves, and thus taxpayers. The inclusion of services and drugs is decided by the DoH or other providers by a process not open or known to the public. That creates a preferential treatment of certain businesses, providers, and products.

The described institutions already require health coverage for students. All health policies provide adequate range of reproductive health services. This bill duplicates the efforts and duplicates the costs.

Promoting the use and making the reproductive drugs and services extremely accessible is likely to increase the consumption. It will shift the responsibility for decisions leading to the need of such services from the individuals to the institutions. That will lead to negative effects on society in terms of costs and health outcomes.

Please reject SB341.

Sincerely,
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