

Committee: House Health Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 1401 - Public Health - Abortion - Informed Consent

Hearing Date: March 19, 2026

Position: Oppose

The Women's Law Center of Maryland opposes *House Bill 1401 – Public Health – Abortion – Informed Consent*. The bill would violate healthcare provider's first amendment rights by compelling them to provide inaccurate, misleading information about abortion care. This bill is not about informed consent, rather it is designed to use misleading information to dissuade people from making a decision about abortion care. The Women's Law Center opposes this bill because it interferes with reproductive freedom and bodily autonomy.

We ask for an unfavorable vote. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

The Women's Law Center of Maryland is a private, non-profit, legal services organization that serves as a leading voice for justice and fairness for women. It advocates for the rights of women through legal assistance to individuals and strategic initiatives to achieve systemic change, working to ensure physical safety, economic security, and bodily autonomy for women in Maryland.