

**HB 0049:** Public Health - Abortion (Heartbeat Bill): Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Health Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT HB 49** during committee consideration or floor votes.

The detection of a fetal heartbeat is often recognized as an early indicator of a developing human life. HB 49 reflects a policy approach that aims to extend protections at a point when a heartbeat can be detected, except in cases where a mother's life or health is in danger due to medical emergencies.

**HB 49, the Heartbeat Bill, requires abortions to be performed only by physicians, enhancing patient safety and accountability, especially in cases of medical emergencies or when the mother's life or health is at risk.**

**Abortion legislation should continue to recognize the importance of clear medical guidance and appropriate exceptions to address serious health circumstances. Thoughtful policymaking can strive to balance respect for life with consideration for complex medical situations faced by patients and healthcare providers.**

**HB 49 represents an effort to establish a clear standard in law regarding when protections apply, while also encouraging ongoing dialogue about how best to support both mothers and unborn children.**

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 49**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this critical public health and life protection legislation.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals