

HB 1281: Health - Abortion - Ultrasound and Wait Time: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Health Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT HB 1281** during committee consideration or floor votes.

This bill establishes reasonable, widely accepted informed consent measures to ensure that women receive complete, factual information before making an irreversible decision. Offering women an ultrasound respects their right to understand the procedure, promotes fully informed consent, and aligns with standard medical practice for other significant procedures. The 24-hour waiting period allows consultation with a trusted advisor, and consideration of alternatives—without preventing access in urgent cases.

Informed consent is a cornerstone of ethical medicine. Women deserve transparency. **HB 1281 protects patient autonomy, ensures accurate information is provided, and adds appropriate safeguards without banning or unduly restricting abortion access.**

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote in favor of HB 1281.**

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this important women's health, patient rights, and medical ethics legislation.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals