

Unfavorable Statement HB1131
Public Health – Pregnancy Loss- Prohibited Actions
(Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)
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As a retired registered nurse and mother of 4, I strongly oppose HB1131.

HB1131 will do three things.

1. The bill would discourage and/or stop the process of analyzing and understanding the loss of a pregnancy.
2. The investigation of a suspicious loss of a pregnancy would only be investigated if the pregnant woman consents to an investigation of suspected criminal conduct.
3. The bill would impose a penalty on any individual or entity that seeks to learn the cause of the pregnancy loss.

With any pregnancy loss, an analysis of the cause of the loss is good medicine. When pregnancy is desired, and a miscarriage occurs, doctors and other medical professionals along with the mother seek information to understand how the miscarriage occurred. This is standard practice. For the medical community, analysis promotes better standards of practice to better minister to patients. The mother seeking to carry a baby to term can learn what interventions may be needed to make that happen. Did the mother not have enough pregnancy hormones to sustain the pregnancy? Did the mother ingest something that caused the miscarriage? Did someone secretly give the mother something to cause miscarriage? What caused the stillbirth?

This bill would change the way our criminal justice operates. When a crime is suspected, the police investigate. An investigation is not determined by the victim. We know that victims of crime can and often are coerced into silence. The pregnant mother may be unaware of the crime against her. In addition to criminal activity, there could have been medical malpractice. The pregnant mother may be unaware that her standard of care was compromised and resulted in the loss of her pregnancy or the loss of her baby during delivery. These investigations should take place whether the victim consents so that the crime or malpractice does not happen to someone else and so there can be justice for the possible victim.

Penalties for investigating the pregnancy loss would naturally deter an individual or entity from pursuing answers to a possible criminal act or simply pursuing improvement of medical care. A still birth cannot be confirmed without an investigation. This bill would not allow investigation for an alleged stillbirth which would make it easy to commit infanticide.

This bill would protect bad actors that would include abortion workers with bad medical practice, doulas and other home pregnancy workers with bad medical technique, nefarious people who would give a pregnant woman drugs against her will, child abusers, and others with ill intent or who simply lack good medical practice.

Please protect the integrity of a pregnant woman's health and the dignity of human life by not interfering with investigations surrounding pregnancy loss. I strongly recommend an unfavorable report for HB1131.