

HB 1131: Public Health - Pregnancy Loss - Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act): Please vote to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **OPPOSE HB 1131**.

HB 1131 creates dangerous, overly broad protections that could hinder legitimate law enforcement investigations and endanger public safety. **Pregnancy loss investigations often arise in cases involving suspected abuse, neglect, illegal abortion, substance-related harm to a fetus, or criminal acts (e.g., assault causing fetal death). Blanket prohibitions on investigation, civil liability, or prosecution will shield criminal behavior, delay justice for victims, and prevent accountability in cases where a third party caused or contributed to the loss.**

The private right of action against investigators or officials for alleged violations **invites abusive litigation** that will impede police, prosecutors, medical examiners, and child welfare professionals from pursuing credible leads, even when evidence suggests foul play or endangerment. Pregnancy loss alone may not always justify a warrant, but tying investigators' hands through civil liability and criminal penalties for good-faith inquiries creates a needless effect that could allow dangerous situations to go unaddressed.

This bill goes too far by creating new barriers to investigation and prosecution in serious cases, potentially at the expense of protecting vulnerable women and unborn children from harm.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote against HB 1131**.

Thank you for your attention to this serious public safety and justice matter.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals