

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 09, 2022

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2 and 7, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1309: **Rep. Harris** presented **S 1309** which is an amendment of the fetal heartbeat bill. It prohibits abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected. This legislation includes a private enforcement mechanism allowing civil lawsuits against medical professionals who perform unlawful abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected. Family members who are "harmed" by the abortion of an immediate family member, can be compensated \$20,000.

S 1358:

Blaine Konzatti, President of Idaho Family Policy Center, testified **in support** of the bill. He stated that **S 1309** adds a private enforcement mechanism to the heart beat law that was signed last year, and it is modeled after the Texas heartbeat bill. He also stated that it does not create civil liability for those that aid in an unlawful abortion, and it restricts civil liability to the abortionist who committed the crime. He stated that life does not begin at the first sign of a heartbeat but it begins at conception, and deserves legal protection, and that a detected heartbeat is a reliable indicator that life exists.

Saumya Sarin, Vanessa Rosenbaum, Nydia MacDonald, Chelsea Gaona Lincoln, Scott Watson, Sophia Drigg, Amber Olah, Jo Smith, Lindsay Van Allen, Mistie DelliCarpini-Tolman all testified **in opposition** to the bill. The common statements were regarding the risk of women's lives, and unsafe abortions that could be performed if this option is taken away from women.

Pro-Life (Marvin Richardson), Jacqueline Wakefield, Tammy Payne, Karin Simkins, Robin Watters, Linda Thomas, Heather Lawless, Jason Heering, and Kelly Cope all testified **in support** of the bill. The main comments were regarding the options that pregnant woman have such as adoption, foster care, etc.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1309** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Skaug declared a **RULE 80** stating a possible conflict of interest.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Gannon, Scott, and Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **S 1358** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary