

SESSION OF 2013

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1606**

As Adopted by the Senate

**Brief\***

SCR 1606 is a resolution honoring pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas and across the United States. The resolution includes a listing of pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas.

The resolution makes the following conclusions:

- The Legislature strongly supports pregnancy maintenance resource centers in their unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men and of babies – both born and unborn;
- The Legislature commends the compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas and across the United States;
- The Legislature encourages Congress and other federal and state government agencies to grant pregnancy maintenance resource centers assistance for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not compromise the mission or religious integrity of these organizations; and
- The Legislature disapproves of the actions of any national, state, or local group attempting to prevent pregnancy maintenance resource centers from

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effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

Additionally, the concurrent resolution makes a number of findings. Among the findings stated in the resolution, pregnancy maintenance centers:

- Offer women free, confidential, and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, and referrals to community, health care, and support services;
- Provide information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant mothers;
- Provide important support and resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion;
- Ensure women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and
- Operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life.

A copy of the resolution is to be sent to each pregnancy maintenance resource center in Kansas, the Governor, the President of the United States, the President of the U.S. Senate, and the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

### **Background**

The concurrent resolution was introduced by Senator Pilcher-Cook.

The concurrent resolution was adopted by the Senate, without roll call (on a voice vote).