

HB 2749
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Opponent

Chairman Landwehr and committee members:

Please vote no and do not advance HB 2749.

The bill is clearly sexist, when are men asked to justify why they need life changing or saving care. There are as many reasons why a person needs an abortion as there are people who need abortions. Demanding patients provide reasons from a list is an invasion of privacy and stigmatizes essential health care. The bill requires disclosure of immigration status and financial assistance questions that can endanger a person seeking care.

Second, this bill is not medically relevant and would not enhance patient care or outcomes. The Kansas Supreme Court ruled in 2019 that any regulation on abortion must pass strict scrutiny, meaning it must specifically benefit patient outcomes or be medically appropriate. This bill meets neither of those tests.

Thank you for remembering the Constitutional rights of Kansans. Reproductive health, rights and privacy are not only an issue for girls and women, they are relevant to every single one of us.