

S.B. 174 Abortion Prohibition Amendments

Senate Sponsor: Dan McCay

What does the bill do?

- Prohibits abortion at any stage of pregnancy, except in cases of rape or incest, if the pregnant person's life or health is at risk, or if the fetus won't survive or has a severe brain abnormality.
- People who violate this law are guilty of a second degree felony.
- Law only goes into effect if the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*.

Talking Points

- **This extreme legislation would make most abortions illegal in Utah and goes too far in inserting government into our personal, private lives.**
 - Everyone should have access to the health care they need, without politicians controlling when, how, or why. Politicians have no right to impose their personal beliefs on everyone in our state.
- **The truth is that abortion is a critical component not only of health care, but of our ability to lead free and fulfilling lives with dignity and agency.**
 - This bill affects important life decisions that should be made by individuals in consultation with their doctors, their families, and their faith, not extremist politicians. SB 174 would insert the government into individual's personal, private decisions about their body and health.
- **Utahns do not want more abortion restrictions.**
 - Recent polling makes clear that Utahns want abortion to be a safe and legal. Politicians who try to block access to abortion are not only on the wrong side of reproductive justice, they are also on the wrong side of public opinion.
 - 80% of Utahns are opposed to more abortion restrictions in Utah
 - 52% of Utahns would vote to keep *Roe v. Wade* the law of the land
- **Banning abortion does not eliminate abortion.**
 - People who can afford to travel outside of the state will always be able to access abortions. This ban would disproportionately impact low-income women and families.
 - Abortion bans make abortion less safe and put pregnant women and their families at risk.
 - The ability to access safe, legal abortion is particularly important for people of color and people who live in rural areas, who tend to suffer the most from restrictions on abortion.
- **Trigger bans are political stunts that don't reflect the public's views.**
 - Utah legislators have an obligation to consider whether the laws they pass are constitutional; they should not be in the business of passing a law that may or may not be valid in the future. This is a cynical attempt to impose one's political views on our state's laws without having to deal with the consequences.
- **Legislators in Utah should focus on increasing access to health care.**
 - Our lawmakers should focus on legislation that would improve the lives Utah families and increase access to preventative care and education, not ban access to critical health care.