

Put Children First

Vote **No** on SB137

Vote **Yes** on HB1311

Pathways to Parenthood

Natural Birth

Parents have a natural right to their child.

The child has a natural right to their parents.

The state gives serious consideration to the relationship between a parent and a child, which is why the second pathway (adoption) has multiple safeguards.

Adoption

Based on the best interest of the child

Each safeguard in the adoption code was developed to serve the best interest of the child.

The child is the client.

HB1311 clarifies that Chapter 25-5A & 25-6 must be utilized when voluntarily terminating a relationship between a birth mother and a child.

Commercial Surrogacy

Based on intent

Regulated by a contract.

Parental rights are given to whoever signs the contract as the intended parent.

Intended parent is client.

Violates the child's rights.

Contracts are for transferring property, not people.

SB137 Sets up an new pathway to parenthood: Intent, which always focuses on the desires of adults instead of the needs of the child.

Why do so many countries ban Commercial Surrogacy?

Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria*
Cambodia*, Canada, China
Denmark*, Estonia, Finland
France*, Germany*, Hong Kong
Hungary, Iceland,
India (banned to foreigners)
Italy*, Latvia, Malaysia
Malta, Mexico—Parts
Nepal*, New Zealand, Portugal*
Spain*, Sweden, Switzerland
Thailand, The Netherlands
United Arab Emirates

*Bans all types of surrogacy

The European Union banned Commercial Surrogacy, this was ratified by 29 countries in 2000.

Commercial Surrogacy:

- Treats the child as a commodity to be transferred
- “Indistinguishable from buying & selling of children”
New Jersey Legislative Study
- Creates high risk pregnancies for mom and baby
only 7% of babies created in a lab will be born alive
- Allows intended parents to dictate many aspects of a birth mother's life, including abortion decisions
- Always separates the child from birth mother
- Opens wide the doors to international surrogacy
- Is illegal in 29 countries including most of Europe

The Adoption Code puts the Child's Best Interest First