

Please Oppose **HB1225**

South Dakota Right to Life opposes the passage of [House Bill 1225](#) which is an **An Act to restrict the use of funds for abortion**.

We more than appreciate Representative Frye-Mueller's consistent support of Pro-Life Legislation but this Bill (HB1225) is harmful to our Pro-Life cause here in South Dakota for these reasons:

1) South Dakota has already placed into law the "Medical Services to the Indigent" chapter which prohibits all funds from supporting abortion in our great state. Thus this law is unnecessary. Here's that statute:

[28-6-4.5](#). Public funds not to be used for abortion except to save life of mother. No funds of the State of South Dakota or any agency, county, municipality, or any other political subdivision thereof and no federal funds passing through the state treasury or any agency of the State of South Dakota, county, municipality, or any other political subdivision thereof, shall be authorized or paid to or on behalf of any person or entity for or in connection with any abortion that is not necessary for the preservation of the life of the person upon whom the abortion is performed.

Source: SL 1978, ch 207.

2) An 10-page Amendment has been proposed and will be heard which will in essence become **HB1225**. This Amendment is 10-times worse than the original language. The **National Right to Life Committee** has seen this piece of legislation in other states and have opposed it all the way as being a BIG step back for the Pro-Life Movement (see attached statement).

Last year an organization called 'Forces of Liberty' has encouraged a few states to introduce this bill (HB1225's Amendment) titled the "**Life Appropriation Act**" as a way to prevent the states from covering abortion. They use a **flawed legal theory** in the 'Establishment Clause' in the U.S. Constitution in order to rationalize this law.

In this Amendment they are trying to create the theory that being pro-abortion is a religious belief.

We must be vigilant and work to prevent this bill from consideration.

This piece of legislation will be heard in the **House State Affairs Committee** on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:45 a.m. (CST)

The Representatives on this Committee

are: Qualm, Beal, Anderson, Dennert, Diedrich, Goodwin, Gosch, Hansen, Haug aard, Kevin Jensen, McCleerey, Kent Peterson, and Jamie Smith

Please **'Vote No'** on **HB1225**. Thank You!