

House Health & Human Services

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HB26-1105 Discuss Adoption Info with Pregnant Persons

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Rebecca Varney For themselves	<p>Madam Chair,</p> <p>My name is Rebecca Varney, and I am here in support of House Bill 26’s 1105.</p> <p>Even though I don’t personally plan to have biological children, I believe every woman deserves to be fully informed if she’s ever faced with an unplanned pregnancy. If that were me, I would want to know all of my options (including adoption) before making a decision. That’s what freedom looks like: truth, clarity, and the ability to choose what’s right for your life.</p> <p>This issue is deeply personal to me because I was adopted. Adoption gave me a second chance at life. It gave me stability, opportunity, and the ability to thrive. I truly cannot imagine where I would be today without that chance. And I know I’m not alone; there are countless families who long to adopt but can’t have biological children. Adoption transforms lives for children and for families alike.</p> <p>That’s why I’m supporting HB26-1105, Discuss Adoption Information with Pregnant Persons. This bill is not about forcing anyone into a decision. It’s about empowering women with information, so they can make an informed choice with all options on the table, including adoption.</p>

	<p>Because sometimes, adoption is a second chance for a child, for a family, and for both.</p> <p>Adoption gave me a second chance at life, and I believe every child deserves that same chance.Â HB26-1105 ensures women know all their options and sometimes, that knowledge changes a life forever.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and your consideration.</p>
<p>JEANY RUSH</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>TO: HOUSE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES</p> <p>RE: HB26-1105 DISCUSS ADOPTION INFO WITH PREGNANT PERSONS</p> <p>SPONSORS: S SLAUGH, L ZAMORA WILSON, A FLANELL</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO CONSTITUENT 3-10-26</p> <p>VOTE: YES</p> <p>Annually approximately 42 million women worldwide have abortions, and nearly half of these procedures, 20 million are unsafe. Some studies say ~ almost 1/2 regretted the decision.â€™</p> <p>â€œMore than 68,000 women around the world die each year because of botched abortions. The data released on April 15 show that nearly 1,038,100 abortions were provided in 2024 across all states without near-total bansâ€”</p> <p>ONLY COLORADO HAS NO GESTATIONAL LIMIT! A full sized, developed baby can be aborted, and it is a very nasty process.</p> <p>WE have bills to regulate pet facilities for safety, being clean, yet we ignore the safety, and larger issues involved in a HUMAN LIFE? Last night, this legislature shot down a bill to simply regulate clinics performing 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions, thereby</p>

	<p>saving women’s lives, due to botched and unclean procedures.</p> <p>Giving a woman information about options for the life she is stewarding, is the very least Human Decency we can afford. We have allocated Trillions of Dollars to insanity nationwide, yet we rush women through the Abortion process. Sadly, many of these women would keep their babies if they had resources, and by that I mean home, job, vehicle, daycare. Legitimate resources I mean.</p> <p>Our priorities as a community are not really serving the most vulnerable, nor those in lower income brackets.</p> <p>Since the 70’s we have aborted approximately 70 MILLION babies. Now this body often puts up racist rants, bills, yet, when we try to address these issues, they go SILENT. Of those abortions, approximately 41% are black babies, 34% white babies, and the rest all other groups.</p> <p>What could it possibly harm to offer a discussion about options to save some of those PRECIOUS LIVES? Where is our Humanity?</p> <p>I HOPE THIS BILL LIVES THE SHREDDER MACHINE! GANGSTA GAMMY</p>
<p>Bob Bergstrom For themselves</p>	<p>Good Afternoon Chair and Committee Members,</p> <p>My name is Bob Bergstrom, and I want to urge you to support HB26-1105. Year after year we hear arguments between Pro-Choice advocates, and Pro-Life advocates. This bill should satisfy both factions.</p> <p>It does nothing more than offer information to help a woman make a more informed choice. I firmly believe that more information is never bad.</p> <p>As an adoptive parent, this is near to my heart, and I strongly encourage a yes vote.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Bob Bergstrom</p> <p>bobb@stvrainmfg.com</p> <p>303-523-0061</p>



February 2026

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RE: AAUW OPPOSES HB26-1105-Discuss Adoption Information with Pregnant Persons

Dear Committee Members:

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Since the 1960s, Colorado has recognized and protected women's rights in regard to abortion. We respect the sponsors' intention with HB1105; however, we are concerned about possible unintended consequences that could result. Pregnant persons could be subjected to coercive conversations with someone trying to convince them to change their minds. Each patient's reason for abortion is different, and HB1105 assumes patients have not already considered their options before seeking an abortion.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly opposes House Bill 1105 and requests your NO vote in committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hon. Su Ryden

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Written Testimony – HB26-1105

Monte Y. Pescador, LPCC, MA, MDiv

Counselor – Montezuma County, Colorado

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Monte Y. Pescador, and I am a counselor serving a rural community in Montezuma County. My clinical work regularly involves individuals navigating trauma, family instability, and complex life decisions.

From a behavioral-health perspective, informed decision-making is a core principle of ethical care. Shared decision-making models in healthcare emphasize that individuals should have access to clear and accurate information about available options before making major medical decisions (Elwyn et al., 2012).

Pregnancy decisions often occur under conditions of emotional stress and uncertainty. Research examining women's experiences around pregnancy outcomes has documented that individuals frequently experience complex and sometimes conflicting emotions when considering parenting, adoption, and abortion (Kimport, Foster, & Weitz, 2011).

Ensuring that individuals are aware of all available options and support resources can help support more thoughtful and informed decision-making.

HB26-1105 represents a modest policy step to ensure that adoption is presented as a potential pregnancy outcome while preserving patient autonomy by allowing individuals to decline the discussion if they choose.

In rural communities like mine, access to accurate information and supportive services can be limited. Providing clear information about adoption options and available resources may help ensure that individuals facing difficult circumstances are aware of alternatives they might not otherwise fully understand.

Adoption is also not merely a theoretical issue for my family. My wife and I adopted our daughter through an open adoption, and she maintains relationships with members of her biological family. Our experience has reinforced how meaningful it can be when individuals facing difficult pregnancy decisions are aware that adoption and family support options exist.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the legislature to support HB26-1105.

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