

Comment Report

HSB 91

A bill for an act relating to the health and well-being of children and families including provisions for rural emergency hospitals, regional centers of excellence, noneconomic damage awards against health care providers, a state-funded family medicine obstetrical fellowship program, self-administered hormonal contraceptives, review and approval of and public policy considerations relating to insurance benefits, maternal support and fatherhood initiatives, state employee parental leave, modification of property tax provisions for certain commercial child care properties, adoption expenses under the adoption subsidy program, and accessibility to the all Iowa scholarship program; providing for appropriations, fines, and penalties; and including effective date and applicability and retroactive applicability provisions.(See HF 427.)

Subcommittee Members: Wood-CH, Matson, Meyer, A.

Date: 02/01/2023

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: RM 304

Name: Rick Phillips

Comment: In comparing HSB91, Division 3, with HF102 it is almost verbatim. It is the same subcommittee passing this legislation. What is the purpose of doing this twice? HSB91 is an omnibus and should be broken up where each Division is studied on its own merit. That would be more in line with a "study" bill, right? Give the legislators more time to study it.

Name: Mary Jobst

Comment: I oppose HSB91. Reason: it is omnibus.

Name: Julie Schwertley

Comment: Hello, Im writing today because I am extremely concerned as a tax payer that more of my hard earned tax dollars are going to private Right wing Christian organizations with zero oversight. These anti womens health centers lie to women . When I was thirteen and very early in a pregnancy conceived through rape. After researching I went to a birth right center. To my horror they offered zero help they tried to show me a full term fetus I was eight weeks along and knew exactly the biology. I was an orphan with zero support and would of been put on the street had any info found out. I got angry and yelled. They called the police on me. So I ran. Thankfully got away. Or I would of been pregnant alone on the street. Thankfully I found planned parenthood and got the care I needed. Im 49 now and I have never regretted that decision. Had I been unable to get an abortion my back up plan was suicide. I had even researched how to not fail. I was going to drink alcohol take a lot Benadryl and hang myself. While my guardian was at work. These centers will kill women and girls. I do not want my money going to them. Period Julie

Name: Sandy Wilson

Comment: Citizen Engagement declares AGAINST HSB 91. When did it become the practice of the Iowa Legislature to take on 11 topics under a single bill? This is bad form now and going forward. Please oppose this Omnibus.OmnibusLatin, For all; containing two or more independent matters. A term frequently used in reference to a legislative bill comprised of two or more general subjects that is designed to compel the executive to approve provisions that he or she would otherwise reject but that he or she signs into law to prevent the defeat of the entire bill.

Name: Sandy Wilson

Comment:

I urge you to oppose HSB 91. We are just coming out of the most unprecedented times of my 62 years of life where medical professionals refused to provide lifesaving care to patients suffering from the effects of a bioweapon. People were left to die without even the right to try drugs that may have put them well on the path of recovery. Additionally, Iowans and Americans in general are suffering the ill effects of medical treatment that not only did nothing to end the spread of this bioweapon, but in fact, has caused, is causing, and promises to cause damage to people duped into taking it by some health professionals, including in Iowa. The lives of some of these people will NEVER be the same. Some have in fact died suddenly and the medical community continues to cover up the cause of their deaths. Lets also discuss that people have died from NOT receiving appropriate care for nonbioweapon illnesses. These Iowans and Americans in general were sentenced to death because treatments were suspended, appointments were cancelled, and conditions were ignored! I cant think of a better way to make sure the medical community in Iowa remembers to do their jobs to the best of their abilities than by having the threat of losing their livelihoods over bad medical practices. The message would be clear Iowa only allows the very best doctors to practice in our state. Kill HSB 91.

Name:

Denise Perez

Comment:

As a taxpayer, I highly oppose this bill. The GOP want to cut SNAP benefits and fund fake clinics that offer no 4lief to pregnant people.

Name:

Tracy Creason

Comment:

I OPPOSE HSB 91. There is too much in this bill and you are shoving too many important issues into one bill in hopes Iowans won't notice. TWO MILLION of taxpayer dollars are hidden in HSB91 to pay for fake clinics pretending to be medical clinics also known as Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPC). This bill is keeping Iowans in the dark to use public money to pay for nonprofit organizations whose primary goal is to keep people from having abortions and promoting evangelism, abstinence until marriage and parenthood. CPCs are run by antiabortion activists who want to scare, shame, or pressure people out of getting an abortion, and to tell lies about abortion, birth control, and sexual health. CPCs usually advertise free pregnancy tests and pregnancy counseling, and some may claim they have other services like STD testing. Most of the employees at these fake clinics are not medical professionals but only volunteers. These centers don't actually provide most kinds of health care, their goal is to spread misinformation and propaganda. Most crisis pregnancy centers aren't legitimate medical clinics, so they don't have to follow HIPAA and keep information private, like most real health care providers do. These crisis pregnancy centers could even give private, personal information to other antiabortion organizations. CPCs try really hard to seem like a normal doctor's office. They often post signs near or are located very close to real health centers and may have ultrasound machines, staff in white coats, medical-sounding names, and professional websites. They do all of this to try to trick people into coming to CPC instead, so they can pressure people into making certain decisions about sex and pregnancy. CPCs put out false medical information about abortion, contraception and sexually transmitted infections. REAL HEALTH CARE CENTERS are open and upfront about their services. They'll help people get the care they need, and they don't pressure people to make certain decisions about sex, birth control, or pregnancy. Real health centers give honest facts about all of the options without scare tactics, shame, or judgement so people can decide for themselves what's right for their situation, their life. I urge you to remove the MOMS Program (Division VII) from HSB91. Supporting organizations that deceive Iowans is not in our best interests. Organizations that put the health and reproductive health of Iowans at risk is not good for Iowans. If you want to support the reproductive health of Iowans, support sexual education in the schools done by legitimate experts, support Title X for legitimate reproductive healthcare providers. Be there for Iowans from birth to death. Iowans deserve to make reproductive healthcare decisions for themselves and be supported in those decisions.

Name: Leslie Beck

Comment: I OPPOSE HSB91. It is an omnibus bill. This is Iowa, not DC. We need to stick to single issue bills. I oppose limitations on the medical malpractice lawsuits as outlined in this bill. The legislature should not be placing limitations. That should be determined in a court of law. Medical malpractice costs in Iowa are a minimal cost compared to overall health care cost. The vast majority of doctors in Iowa are not negligent however we should not be protecting those that are. You should also ask insurance companies if malpractice insurance costs will actually go down if this bill passes or if this is just a way for them to shield themselves from liability while charging the same premiums.

Name: A Friend

Comment: The Iowa Constitutional Watchmen Society of Iowa is against the passage of this omnibus bill that is written and proposed by the executive branch. This bill would violate Article III Sec 29 of the Iowa Constitution regarding every bill contain one subject that shall be expressed in the title. We also would like to express that we consider any legislation written & proposed by the executive branch, the governor or the governor's office to be a violation the separation of powers that is enumerated in Article III Sec 1 of the Iowa Constitution. Just the mere influence of the governor having a hand in creating & proposing legislation creates an influence over the independence of the legislative branch, especially after the governor's actions in the 2022 primary elections where she used her influence to remove incumbents that disagreed with other legislation that was prioritized. Both Senators & Representatives could be influenced by this matter and unwillingly endorse a bill they otherwise wouldn't back.

Name: Carol Chesterman

Comment: Oppose HSB 91 , specifically remove Division 7, The Moms Program. These so call crisis pregnancy centers misinform & manipulate women using deception and shame to keep women from having abortions. These centers pose as credible health care organizations yet have few if any licensed medical professionals and no oversight to assess quality. Crisis pregnancy centers are really antiabortion centers, not legitimate health care providers. Oppose HSB 91.

Name: Heather Stancil

Comment: I OPPOSE HSB91. The Iowa Constitution prohibits multisubject omnibus bills like this one. (Article 3, section 29).

Name: Shawn Honnold

Comment: Oppose. Its a omnibus bill

Name: Pam Bonneville

Comment: I strongly oppose bill HSB91 primarily due to this is an omnibus. This is not how the people of Iowa want things done. Please represent us we elected you to do.

Name: Matt Wells

Comment: There are two parts of this bill that are massive problems. First, over the counter chemical birth control is bad news, especially for young girls. This method of birth control messes with the hormonal balance of girls and women. This should be supervised by a doctor. An even bigger problem is the cap on medical malpractice. This strikes me as a corporatist hack back scratch for the insurance companies and big medical industry. There must be the threat of massive financial pain for these large conglomerates to keep them from doing what they did during covid. If anything, patients need more rights in the transaction with hospitals and insurance companies. If this, or its sister bill, 117 I believe, were to pass, I would have to figure that the Iowa GOP hates individual Iowans. The parts of this bill are of no consequence if the medical malpractice cap is in this is included. If medicine was

still practiced by individual doctors or small practices, I might see a need for capping malpractice claims, but now, medicine is run by government protected cartels. The Iowa legislature should be looking for ways to break that cartel, not reward them. Ive talked to 5 different GOP House members who are against this bill because of the two provisions I brought up here. This would be better if it wasnt an omnibus bill. Break it into parts and pass the other portions if you like, but kill the OTC birth control portion and the medical malpractice cap. Period.

Name: Michelle Veach

Comment: I oppose HSB 91. Iowa should not have Omnibus bills each bill should be debated and voted on separately. Birth Control should not be administered without a doctor there are risks and side effects that should be monitored by doctors. Medical injury lawsuits should be a trial by peer, without caps. We are coming into a time when many will realize they have been injured via injection, and/or by lack of early treatment.

Name: Maria Maher

Comment: My big family and I oppose HSB 91. It's an omnibus bill! We don't do that in Iowa. There are other major concerns as well.

Name: Courtney Collier

Comment: Oppose HSB 91 Omnibus bills in Iowa?No. This is sneaky and devious to get votes on an issue while also requiring a vote on an issue you dont support. This is not DC. Its Iowa. We can and should do it better.

Name: Mindy Paulson

Comment: I OPPOSE HSB91, per Article 3, Section 29 of the Iowa Constitution.

Name: Angela Little

Comment: Oppose

Name: Barb Clayton

Comment: Oppose, too many topics in one bill to address each issue. This is a crap sandwich.

Name: Cristy Tass

Comment: I OPPOSE HSB91

Name: Teri Patrick

Comment: I am Opposing HSB91 per Article 3, Section 29 of the Iowa Constitution.

Name: Jennifer Leonhard

Comment: I oppose this bill. It does not have the interests of Iowans at heart when you limit the amount of money a patient can receive for medical malpractice. The amount should pertain to the injury, not an arbitrary limit that does not consider the evidence of the individual. Further, it is clear that this bill covers a bunch of topics, gaining the dissatisfaction of both major parties in Iowa. This bill serves Gov Reynolds campaign goals, not iowans.

Name: Sherry L Root

Comment: I do not support this bill since it is an ominous bill which we don't do in Iowa I thought. You take something good and then you stick something in there that's totally unacceptable. This will harm women and girls just say no

Name: Miranda B

Comment: I oppose this bill

Name: Lindsay Maher

Comment: Oppose Hsb91. Debate each division on its own merits. This violates our state constitution considering it is a multi division bill on different subjects. This bill also puts together prolife with antilife initiatives. Div 3 and 5 have no place in a Republican lead state that is supposed to value natural rights. Instead this reads as a bailout for industries that are seeking immunity or less accountability from citizens. This never bodes well for citizens and almost always ends up with worse outcomes.

Name: Bethany Niermeyer

Comment: I oppose

Name: Sara Ferneding

Comment: I strongly oppose HSB91. Omnibus bills have no place in IA. Strike this & start over. Eliminate any verbiage that limits noneconomic damage against health care providers when you do start over.

Name: Connie Huff

Comment: I oppose. Address each item separately.

Name: Elizabeth K

Comment: I am opposing HSB9. the tort reform mirroring last year's HF102 is enough to be a hard pass on this one. If that isn't enough it's an omnibus Bill and goes against Article 3, Section 29 of the Iowa Constitution.

Name: Tara Truex

Comment: I oppose this bill. Medical malpractice should not be capped at \$1 million dollars. My husband was recently in the hospital and I cannot imagine if something had gone wrong, and after legal fees only receive \$600k. That is ludicrous to put a blanket dollar amount on someones life.

Name: Jeffrey Fahrman

Comment: I oppose this bill. I am against any omnibus bills and would like an opportunity to provide input on these items individually on their own merits.

Name: Jessica Hobbs

Comment: I OPPOSE this legislation. Not sure why our legislators thought it prudent to wrap so many different topics into one bill, but it sure appears to be similar to our Federal governments approach. I have too many concerns to list. Please split these issues so the concerns can be addressed separately.