

Lloyd Benes, testimony on HB26-1335, "Abortion drugs on campuses"

My name is Lloyd Benes, representing myself. I request a "NO" vote on the bill - or please amend it to address serious risks to women's safety. I especially urge committee Democrats to explicitly respond to safety issues raised.

The worst risks are from abortion drugs. An analysis of over 865,000 Mifepristone abortions found that 1 in 9 women (10.93%) experienced sepsis, infection, or hemorrhage within 45 days - <https://eppc.org/stop-harming-women/>. You can read this study now by using the first QR code I provided or the https web-site. The death of Holly Patterson highlights how shockingly high these risks are, for she died of septic shock seven days after taking Mifepristone (tinyurl.com/holly18yrstory).

You can read her story right now at the second QR code I supplied you. I challenge you to kill this bill or amend it to require informed consent that warns women they face a 1 in 9 chance of severe reaction, or even death from Mifepristone.

Another major risk is lack of in-person pill dispensing. Studies show 64–74% of women seeking abortions report coercion, often tied to abuse or sex-trafficking (tinyurl.com/64coerced). Read the report via the 3rd QR-code. Kill this Bill or amend it to require campus clinic-training to detect and report coercion and sex-trafficking.

This bill does not require ultrasounds. Without them, ectopic pregnancies (about 2% of all pregnancies) will go undetected. A ruptured ectopic pregnancy can cause fatal internal bleeding within hours. Kill this Bill or amend it to require ultrasound testing before dispensing.

Past hearings on this bill featured silence by Democrats about these deadly risks. Democrats, choose now, will you prioritize abortion access over women's safety?

