



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SB131

Bill Number: 111

Authored By: Senator Noble

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, in June of 2022 the supreme court decision *Dobbs v. Jackson* overturned the national precedent of constitutional protection for abortion, established by *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*;

Whereas, subsequently numerous states passed restrictive laws, criminalizing abortion;

Whereas, both Texas and Oklahoma have passed abortion bans that allow private citizens to successfully sue people who perform abortions or who otherwise aid someone to get one;

Whereas, abortion continues to be legal in the state of Nevada;

Whereas, this has led to people from out of state to seek reproductive healthcare in Nevada;

Whereas, women aged 20-29 accounts for 57% of national abortions, and 54% in the state of Nevada;

Whereas, according to legal experts it's likely that "[the prosecutors] will go after the people that help the woman get the abortion...The person who drives them, the doctor who sees them;"

Whereas, the precedent of applying out-of-state laws to legal action taken within the state of Nevada undermines the integrity and sovereignty of our state and federal law;

Whereas, the infliction of criminal penalties for reproductive healthcare is a largely ineffective deterrent and serves as an incentive to seek illegal and unsafe abortions;

Whereas, SB 131 seeks to protect those who facilitate reproductive healthcare in the state of Nevada by prohibiting any health care licensing board from disqualifying a person from licensure or subject any person

to discipline solely for providing or assisting in the provision of reproductive health care services; or as a consequence of any judgment, discipline or other sanction threatened or imposed under the laws of the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States for providing or assisting in the provision of reproductive health care services;

Whereas, SB 131 seeks to protect those who seek abortion in Nevada by prohibiting the Governor from surrendering, or issuing a warrant of arrest for, a person in this State who is charged in another state with a criminal violation of the laws of that other state if the violation involves the provision or receipt of or assistance with certain reproductive health care services, unless the acts forming the basis of the prosecution of the crime would also constitute a criminal offense under the laws of this State;

Whereas, SB 131 was introduced on the floor of the Assembly on February 9th, 2023, and heard in the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on February 20th;

Be it resolved, that Associated Students of the university stand in support of SB131;

Be it further resolved, the Senate authorizes the Department of Government Affairs and the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement to engage in all pertinent and germane advocacy measures to ensure the passage and implementation of this Bill on behalf of the Students;

Be it further resolved; this legislation shall be sent to the following individuals:

- Amanda Vaskov, Director of Government Affairs
- Dionne Stanfill, ASUN President
- Sandra Rodriguez, Director of ASUN
- Michael Flores, UNR Government Relations Office
- Brian Sandoval, University President
- Nicole Cannizaro, Senator District 6
- Members of the Nevada State Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

Adopted in Senate on March 15th, 2023

Attest:

Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate