

Legislative Update- What Bills Survived the Second Funnel:

March 18, 2022, was the second funnel this legislative session. This is the final deadline for bills to be debated and what ones will die. Here is the status of several pro-life bills.

HF2389 (previously HF2219): A bill related to medication abortions including required informed consent and the dispensing of abortion-inducing drugs to patients within the state, providing penalties. This bill requires that any woman entering an abortion clinic to obtain a chemical abortion, **MUST** be informed via written materials, signage and verbally that she can get an abortion pill reversal to stop the chemical abortion should she change her mind. It also states that RU-486 must be dispensed in a health care setting. This would hopefully eliminate mail order abortion pills in our state. We registered in support of this bill, and it passed the committee process however died in this second funnel.

HF2447: This bill relates to an assault of a pregnant person and providing felony penalties. We registered in support of this bill, and it passed the committee process however it died in this second funnel.

HF2372 (formerly HF2206): This bill related to the nonconsensual termination of a human pregnancy. This bill would correct a bad court ruling and make it a crime to attempt to cause a woman to abort. We registered in support of this bill, and it passed the committee process with bipartisan support. It was debated on the House floor and passed with 97 yes and 0 no. It is now eligible to move to the Senate.

SSB3145 The MOMS Act: This bill would offer funding to nonprofits that help mothers who choose life. Iowa's over forty pregnancy resource centers are already doing great work, but we believe this will help new centers start in needy areas of Iowa and help current centers expand their services. Because this bill includes an appropriation, it is now in the appropriations committee in the Senate.

HF2420 (previously HF2267): This bill relates to the newborn safe haven act. Iowa already has a safe haven law, but this bill will expand it from 30 days to sixty days in which a parent can voluntarily release custody of a newborn infant. We registered in support of this bill, and it passed the committee process and passed on the House floor. It is now eligible for the Senate.

SF577: This is a bill that provides a birth certificate for a nonviable birth. Health care providers and/or hospitals can provide a birth certificate for families experiencing a nonviable birth. This bill has passed committee and an amendment has been filed and will be debated in the coming weeks.