

From: [Gretchen Bishop](#)
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB 58
Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9:31:51 PM

Dear House Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB 58. As a 61-year old college-educated retired Alaskan woman and mother I am hugely grateful for the education, travel, and career opportunities that were available to me. These were made possible in many ways by my access to birth control. Please support HB 58 to allow other women the advantages I have had!

Sincerely,

Gretchen H Bishop
Juneau

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lolita Brache](#)
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Cc: [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Subject: HB58
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:01:39 PM

Regarding House Bill 58 to provide contraceptives: I strongly believe in the woman's right to make her own choices regarding contraception. I believe that it is both logical and compassionate to make this available to all women regardless of economic status. For those who are against abortion, this is an important step to minimizing the need for such procedures.

Providing access to affordable contraception is an essential aspect of both medical and mental health services that the State can and should support.

Thank you for your work on this issue.

Lolita Brache

Homer, AK

From: [Nancy Wertzbaugher](#)
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: House Bill 58
Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:26:14 PM

Please support the passage of this bill.
Nancy Wertzbaugher



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From: [Husch Hathorne](#)
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: In support of HB 58
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:12:17 PM

I'm a registered voter and I am in support of extending 12 months of funding to this were the program I am also an Alaska resident thank you

Jessie Hathorne Cantil



From: [Judy Andree](#)
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support for HB 58 from League of Women Voters of Alaska
Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:48:21 PM



May 5, 2021

Dear Representatives Fields, Spohnholz, Schrage, Snyder, Nelson, Kaufman, and McCarty:

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports HB 58 because it allows women more freedom and control in selecting their method of birth control and makes that control more easily and regularly available. Women's health issues relating to reproductive needs have been historically ignored to some extent, and this bill will do much to correct that situation.

Alaska's women are a self-sufficient lot, and many live in rural areas and/or hold jobs that take them to rural areas where the access to doctors and pharmacies is uncertain at best. Others are full-time employees/mothers living in more urban areas where these medical services do exist, but the time required to access those services does not exist for the full-time working mother. By allowing the purchase of a twelve-month supply of birth control product, HB 58 helps women avoid unplanned pregnancies and exert control over their reproductive histories. This allows women to reach their full potential and strengthens our society in doing so.

HB 58 also has a financial upside for both families and private and public insurance plans. It reduces the number of unplanned pregnancies significantly and thereby reduces the costs of those pregnancies, reduces the number of office visits to medical facilities for birth control needs, and empowers women to control their own reproductive histories. For all of these reasons, LWVAK supports HB 58 and urges the Legislature to pass this bill into law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Judy Andree, President
League of Women Voters of Alaska
Contact Number: [REDACTED]