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SPONSOR STATEMENT – House Joint Resolution No. 32

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to notice and consent before termination of a minor's pregnancy.

HJR 32 seeks to add a new section to the Alaska Constitution allowing the legislature OR the people through the initiative process, to have the option to require notice to and consent of the parent or legal guardian of a minor before the minor's pregnancy is terminated.

Deciding whether to continue a pregnancy or have an abortion is a decision that will have major long-term impacts on the life of a young woman. Notification and consent laws help pregnant teens to get support and guidance from their parents or guardians. Currently parents or guardians must give consent for their child to be treated by a school nurse, buy cough syrup, get their ears pierced, take a risk assessment survey in school, go on a field trip or watch an R rated movie. In Alaska parents cannot even give consent for a child under 18 to get a tattoo. Parents have the right to know about the activities of their underage teens and especially about a decision as big as an abortion. As a parent I would want to know.

I urge your support of this resolution.