

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES 1993-1994 8672

7831 HOUSE HEALTH EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Finally, we must consider the violence we do to our societal moral system when we condone and provide public funds to encourage the systematic destruction of life for a significant portion of our populace.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan and Yvonne Hansen
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phone - 247-8176



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H/HES
 committee name
 committee on S.B. 53, dated 03/26/93
 bill/subject

Hello, my name is Kathryn Gronlund and I'm 21 years of age. First off I'd like to say that I feel (and I'm not alone on this) that no state within the United States shouldn't/couldn't take away the rights of a citizen/taxpayer to satisfy a womens privledge. In other words giving these women a ticket out of their situation (pregnancy)...a situation that these women put themselves in and knew full well of the consequences! Failed birth control isn't an excuse either because there isn't a con- traception on the market that is 100% fool proof. We can not take away the right of one to satisfy another...it can not be this way if we want to continue democracy in America!

It is not a womens right to have an abortion when it's federally funded. When a taxpayer helps foot the funding it's considered a privledge. If the majority of taxpayers do not want to help foot the funding of an abortion then democracy should rule. The only democratic thing to do is put this issue to a vote and let every taxpayer choose if they want to be taxed on this issue.

This is far too controversial for government to be involved and make a law that states that one has to suffer for another.

Signed: Kathryn Gronlund
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS
~~SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE~~
 committee on _____ committee name
 committee on Senate Bill No 53(FIN) am (etl fld) dated 4.1.93
 bill/subject

I AM OPPOSED TO SENATE
 BILL NO. 53 AND ASK THAT IT NOT
 BE PASSED.

Signed: VIRGINIA PELTIER
 Testifier

NO

Representing (Optional)

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Address

KETCHIKAN, AK 99901 907 225-8373

Phone No.

As an Alaskan resident I would like to register my opposition to Senate Bill 53 and any state funding of abortions.

Thank you


Sally Hauan

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As an Alaskan resident I would like to register my opposition to Senate Bill 53 and any state funding of abortions.

Thank you

Margie Thynes

Margie Thynes

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Ketchikan, AK 99901

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS
committee name

committee on SB-53, dated April 1-93
bill/subject

I support the Governor's effort to restrict abortion funding. I ask you to vote down this bill ^{with authority} that funds to murder of innocent human beings.

For those who don't consider abortion as murder I suggest they pay for their own medical procedures.

I have a family member who had a crisis pregnancy. She couldn't destroy life, so she chose to give her baby for adoption.

She had medical ins. to pay for her prenatal needs, then a non-profit adoption agency took care of her legal needs & the adoptive parents paid for the delivery. This life was nurtured, at no cost to the government.

Let abortion proponents use the same funding efforts.

Signed: Travis Young
Testifier

myself & husband
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS
committee name

committee on SB 53, dated April 1, 1997.
bill/subject

I am against the use of public funds to take an innocent human life.

Signed: *Donald Port*
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS
committee name

committee on SB 53, dated April 1, 1993
bill/subject

I believe

Every government has the right and duty to protect ^{the} lives of all living humans in that nation regardless of degree of dependency, degree of perfection, age, sex or place of residence (living in or out of the womb). This protection should be guaranteed by the Constitution and should be enforced through due process of law.

The alternative to this is to allow legislators or adjudicators a system in which there is discrimination against certain classes of living humans. In the case of abortion there is discrimination against an entire class of humans, on the basis of age (too young) and place of residence (in the womb).

Our civilization will ultimately be judged by how it treats the smallest, most dependent, most innocent among its members. Did we love, cherish, protect and nourish them... or legislate ^{our state} money to abort them?

I would request that this bill be terminated now!

Thank you.

Signed: Lenni E. Poet
Testifier

self
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the NESS
committee name

committee on SB 53, dated 4/1/93
bill/subject

Although abortion is legal in our
County - I personally know that abortion
is the killing of a human being by
another human being.

I therefore do not condone any
government participation in that murder,
by paying to have the murder take place.

If you feel it is right to fund abortion,
are you also willing to have the government
pay for other women to make their choice that
of having a child.

Many women unable to get pregnant or
carry a child to term have gone to fertility
clinics, taken drugs and treatment and
surgeries to reach their goal - to have a child
(over)

Signed: Marcia Helley
Testifier

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Does the state intend to support
the many women who cannot make
that choice because they can't afford
the expensive procedure -
will you also support
their right to choice,
where does the government
responsibility end?



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H H/SS
 committee name
 committee on amended SB 53, dated March 26, 93
 bill/subject

I request your support for this bill. Historically the state of Alaska has provided for this medical service.

The Medicaid program was established to equalize care between the rich and poor. We must all support some government spending we don't like. Capitalists' dollars support the military. Christian Scientists pay a share of medical programs.

Pregnancy termination should not be separated from other medical procedures depriving so many women from this

Signed:

George Jacobson
 Testifier

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procedure is a denial of their right in / as
a specific economic class.

For every dollar spent on abortion ^{\$4.00} is spent
in medical and welfare costs incurred as a
result of unintended pregnancy.

I am a retired health care provider. I recall
one grandmother and 14 year old granddaughter
counseling session regarding unintended
pregnancy. The grandmother said "We can't
afford to feed another child"

Please support this bill Thank you



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H H/SS and all House Members
committee name
committee on SB 53, dated March 26, 1993
bill/subject

The Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights is a non profit, non partisan coalition of 35 Protestant, Jewish and other faith groups unified in their commitment to preserve reproductive freedom. The group believes the right of reproductive freedom is intrinsically tied to religious liberty. They oppose any attempts to erode into secular

Signed: Elsene Jacobson
Testifier

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law restrictions on abortion based
on one theological definition of
when the fetus becomes a person.

Because of the range of religious
beliefs the abortion decision must
remain free from government
interference.

While advising you of this group (and
it is not directly related to this
bill) I do so in response to that
testimony given by religious groups
and individuals in our state.

Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights
100 Maryland Avenue NE
Washington D. C. 20002
202-543-7032

Thank you. Sincerely
E. Anne Johnson



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS
committee name

committee on SB 53, dated 8/1/93
bill/subject

Please do not pass this bill.
It is offensive to me to
have ~~my~~ my/our state money, and
my federal tax money be used
to fund aborting babies.

Signed: [Signature]
Testifier
District 26 Republican Party (Chairman)
Representing (Optional)
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS
committee name
 committee on SB53, dated 4/1/93
bill/subject

I oppose the passage of this Bill in the strongest possible terms. It is inconceivable that the legislature would use the tax money of pro-life citizens to perform an act that we consider to be murder. I would consider it a personal challenge to use every effort to remove from public life any representative that would use my tax money, or any other public funds that the legislature has fiduciary obligations over, for the slaughter of innocent, unborn children.

Signed: Allen G. Kingman
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS
committee name

committee on SB53, dated 4/1/93
bill/subject

I oppose this bill.

Signed: *Donette A. Bell*
Testifier

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Please do not pass this information
it is offensive for me to have my
State & Federal tax go for nothing
either.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE H. Ed. & SS.
committee name

committee on CS SB No. 53, dated 4/1/93
bill/subject

I SUPPORT FULLY THE ABOVE MENTIONED
BILL. TO DENY ANY ^{LEGAL} SERVICE TO
ANY WOMAN BECAUSE OF UNFOR-
TUNATE ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES
IS MOST UNAMERICAN AND IS
CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF
ALASKA. PLEASE VOTE FAVOR-
ABLY ON CS SB 53.

Signed: Ernest E. Linn
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

HESS

committee name

committee on

SB 53

, dated

4-1-93

bill/subject

I am totally against state and federal governments paying for abortions and funding in any way

Forcing people's tax dollars ~~into~~ to ~~and~~ ~~making~~ kill our next generation is morally wrong ^{and} against what our constitution stands for.

Signed:

Karen R. Byron

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H.E.S.S.
committee name
committee on SB53, dated 4-1-93
bill/subject

I detest the killing of the innocent preborn babies of our nation. (and of the world!) They are human, and they need to be protected under our Constitution. It would be completely acceptable to use our tax monies to support a woman in crisis pregnancy and to give shelter to the baby if the mother would give the child up for someone else to raise. However, to use our tax monies to kill human life, is completely unacceptable and unbelievably obscene! DO NOT pass SB53!

Signed: Karen Vosburgh
Testifier

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WRITTEN SB53

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Health, Education & Social Services committee name

committee on SB 53 , dated 4-1-93 .
bill/subject

Abortion is murder and should be dealt with by our government as any murder. I am absolutely opposed to our tax dollars being used to fund legalized murder. Please do not pass SB 53!

Signed: *David Little*
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS
 committee name
 committee on SB53, dated 1 APR 93
 bill/subject

It is time for Alaska to stand apart
 & stand up for human rights. HESS
 is suppose to provide a voice for
 everyone on health & social services
 not just the vocal few. I think
 Alaska can stop the tide of
 genocide against the poor. I do
not want my tax money spent on
 ABORTIONS. I think the cost to the
 state will be more than expected

Signed: Rena M Case
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H-Press
committee name

committee on SB 53, dated 4-1-93
bill/subject

I want to express my feeling toward this Bill. Which is that I am against it going through, giving funding for abortion. I am giving a no vote on this bill. My feeling is that abortions are the wrongful killing of an unborn child. The mother, even though in contact of the child in her womb, does not have the right to choose whether the child should live or die. For me to vote yes would mean that I believe my money in taxes should be given to a woman so that she is able to make this disastrous choice against life.

Signed: Dean B. Adick
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Hess

committee name

committee on

SB 53

, dated

1 Apr 93

bill/subject

In this critical time of funding short fall - I strongly urge you to be responsible with the funds of this great state. Please be prudent in your vote on SB 53. Regardless of your personal "platform" or "point of view" on the abortion issue, this state cannot afford to waste its precious resources on funding for abortion any more than it already does. There are major funding cuts being proposed and approved all across the board that will have a drastic effect on the citizen of Alaska. Taking \$ from the needed services that benefit the entire state to pay for the senseless slaughter of our unborn children is completely irresponsible. Vote No on SB 53.

Signed:

Michael Rowan

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HES
 committee name
 committee on SB53, dated 4-1-93
 bill/subject

Please vote NO on SB53. As a citizen of Alaska I do not want State funds used for promoting abortion. Currently the Senate Budget Committee is considering a \$1.2 million dollar cut to the Division of Forestry. If imposed, this cut would affect vital services to Alaskan communities. It is ridiculous to consider spending State money to murder unborn children while at the same time reducing spending in areas of vital importance to the people of Alaska. Are we going to lay off State workers and then offer to kill their children for FREE because they have no job and can't afford more children? If this Bill is to help poor people then please kill SB53.

Signed: Delmad Joslin
 Testifier

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2 people in Dillingham on
SB 53.

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TO: THE STATE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

FROM: SONJA MARX OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA. 842-2477

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am(efd fld)

As a citizen of the United States of America, a tax payer, and a resident of this state of Alaska, I want to voice my opposition concerning this proposed act to annul the changes made in abortion funding regulations that were filed with the lieutenant governor in January, 1993. I am against an Act relating to payment for abortions under Medicaid and general relief medical assistance. Abortions should not be eligible for funding under the regulations of the Department of Health and Social Services. Please do not pass this bill.

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TO: THE STATE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

FROM: JOHN MARX OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA. 842-5477

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am(efd fld)

I would like to register my **opposition** to the **annulment** of the abortion funding regulations that were filed with the lieutenant governor in January 1993. Remembering the great effort Alaskans made to speak out for what the lieutenant governor was doing in making these regulations. The intent to water down the effectiveness of what the lieutenant governor did concerns me. The manipulation of words in **SENATE BILL NO. 53** to "require payment for abortion services under AS 47.07 (Medicaid program) and AS 47.25.120 - 47.25.300 (general relief medical assistance)" involves the use of my federal tax dollars to fund abortions. which according to the Hyde amendment is the **misuse** of tax money. Alaska made their mind known last year as to **the** use of federal and state money to fund abortions. **Please accurately represent us and do not pass SENATE BILL NO. 53.**

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SB 53

3/28/93



Members of the House H.E.S.S. Committee:

I am here to speak for the passage of Senate Bill 53 on behalf of the American Association of University Women - Alaska. The AAUW believes that a woman's most fundamental basic right is the freedom to make informed choices concerning her own reproductive health, and that economic status should not restrict a woman's ability to make that choice.

The United States Supreme Court continues to support the premise that the decision to terminate a pregnancy is a private matter, best left to a woman and her physician. In Alaska, the right to privacy is a fundamental tenant of our constitution. To create a special class of women in Alaska who will be denied privacy and access to abortion because of their economic status is simply unacceptable.

We have committed state funds to provide health care for the poor. Abortion must be treated like any other medical procedure. If we single out this procedure as unacceptable for state funding, poor women may find their reproductive options limited to the point where they begin to practice self-induced or medically unsafe procedures. By denying access to abortion because of financial status, the State of Alaska may well begin to promote needless medical complications or even deaths.

In closing, I would like to share with you a comment I heard in a film called "Before Abortion Was Legal." This film portrays personal stories of women's reproductive choices before Roe v. Wade. In the film, one older woman makes a very profound statement about the choices women must make when considering an abortion. I am paraphrasing what she said, but in essence, it went something like this: "At a particular time in her life, a woman will go to any extreme to end a unwanted pregnancy, even to the point of laying down her life. On the other hand, if at a time later in her life she decides she wants to bear a child, she will also willingly lay down her life to bring that child into the world."

I believe this is a very simple truth. Please keep this in mind as you decide whether or not to fund abortions for poor women. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you.

Meg Gaydosik
Public Policy Chair
AAUW - Alaska
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P A P E R



REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The American Association of University Women supports the right of every woman to safe and comprehensive reproductive health care. AAUW believes that decisions concerning reproductive health care are personal ones, and that the right to make informed decisions should be available to all women.

"AAUW advocates choice in the determination of one's reproductive life" is the statement in the 1991-93 Public Policy Program. Affirmed by large majorities of AAUW members at every convention since 1977, this position reaffirms AAUW's strong commitment to the right of privacy and the rights of individuals. AAUW has had a commitment to reproductive health care for over seventy years:

- In 1920, the Association served on the U.S. Public Health Service Advisory Council of the Division of Venereal Diseases, dealing with effects on women of a campaign to control venereal diseases.
- In 1935, the Association Legislative Program advocated legalization of the dispensing of contraceptive information by physicians.
- In 1970, Hawaii AAUW launched a successful drive to repeal the state's restrictive abortion laws, stimulating AAUW's involvement in other states.
- In 1971, the Association convention adopted a resolution calling on members in all fifty states to work for repeal of restrictive abortion laws, so that abortion would be legal for those who wish it after medical consultation.
- In 1971, AAUW joined an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Roe v. Wade* that led to the 1973 decision legalizing abortion.
- In 1989, AAUW initiated the AAUW Campaign for Choice (CFC) in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services*. Through the Campaign, AAUW took a lead nationwide in fighting for reproductive rights for all women.
- In 1992, AAUW launched a second AAUW CFC in response to the Court's decision in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*. AAUW continues to serve as a leader in the national fight to preserve women's reproductive freedom.

Choice, self determination, is the foundation of all civil rights. Among a woman's most basic rights is the freedom to make informed choices concerning her reproductive health within the dictates of her religious and moral beliefs. Her economic status should not restrict her ability to make that choice. Without reproductive freedom, educational and economic equity are impossible.

AAUW hopes that pregnancy prevention can become the new meeting ground for all those concerned about abortion. The Association is greatly concerned about attacks on family planning and restrictions on access to abortion. Both undermine a woman's right to decide when and whether to bear children. Until threats to reproductive freedom end, AAUW's advocacy of women's right to safe, accessible and comprehensive reproductive health care will remain an integral part of its efforts to gain equity and justice for women.

Program and Policy Department
July 1992



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE HESS
 committee name
 committee on SB 53, dated 3/26/93
 bill/subject

My name is Evelyn Frisk, speaking on behalf of the Interior Alaska Women's Political Caucus, in support of Senate Bill 53. We believe all women, regardless of where they live or what their economic status is, should have access to all reproductive health services. For poor women, state funding is a significant part of that access. The majority of Alaskans continue to support both the availability and the funding of abortion services. The caucus urges you to pass Senate bill 53.

Signed: Evelyn A. Frisk
 Testifier

Interior Alaska Women's Political Caucus
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Horse HESS
 committee name
 committee on SB53, dated 3/26/93
 bill/subject

I am against SB53. 2 scriptures to consider are: Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 6:16 There are six things the LORD Hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

SB-53 wants every Alaskan to support hands that shed innocent blood. Abortion is murder-murder is wrong.

SB 53 NOT WISE.

Signed: John L. Pinter
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Life
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House HESS

committee name

committee on

SB 53

, dated

3/26/93

bill/subject

See attached

Signed:

Keith Ewing

Testifier

NACE/CEE

Representing (Optional)

2325 - 30th Ave. Fairbanks, AK 99701

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March 26, 1993

I am Ruth Ewig and reside at 2325 30th Avenue. I have attended three out of five teleconferences concerning SB 53 and oppose this bill even more now that legislators have expanded the scope of state expenditure for the extermination of preborn babies. Our Founding Fathers wrote a constitution and fought a war to protect "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in that order. Our constitutional republic was designed to be a "government of the people, by the people and for the people." It does not read a government of the legislators, by the legislators, and for the legislators' personal advancement. To act on behalf of any other purpose is treasonous on your part and destroys all of us.

I quote from a book entitled Pro life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments by Randy Alcorn and urge all of you to obtain a copy.

"All those in political office must be painfully aware of the contempt with which many regard you. You are seen as people without integrity or moral courage, as chameleons who kowtow to special interest groups, as spineless bureaucrats more concerned about reelection than the welfare of people. *Show the public they are wrong about you.* Be different. Don't make your goal to keep your job but to do your job. History condemns politicians who defended slavery because it was unpopular to oppose it. Don't let history condemn you for defending what all people will someday recognize to have been the killing of innocent children."

"If you put popularity over morality, at least do so with common sense. Realize that only 9.2 percent of Americans will withhold their vote from a prolife candidate purely because he takes a prochoice position, even if they agree with him in other areas. 'Hardcore' prolife outnumber their prochoice counterparts over three times among Republicans, but also outnumber them among Democrats and Independents. Poll after poll indicates that legislators favoring such measures as parental consent, informed consent, and restriction of all convenience abortions *have the overwhelming support of most Americans.* Though you should take the prolife position for scientific and moral reasons, not political ones, realize that in the majority of cases, holding consistently to the prolife position will gain you more votes than it will lose."

A copy of this has been faxed down to your committee. Thank you.

Ruth Ewig 3/26/93



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health, Educ & Soc. Services
committee name

committee on SB#53, dated March 26, 1993.
bill/subject

I am strongly opposed to annulling the regulations put into effect by Gov. Hickel in Jan. 1993. It is unfair to require the citizens of Alaska to pay for abortions when we are against this idea in conscience. You would force me to participate in being an accomplice to the abortions of poor women, which I view as the murder of innocent children. Abortion & sterilization, when paid for by the State or Federal government is an abuse of power and a genocidal attempt to limit certain kinds of populations (in Alaska - it would be ^{Alaskan} Native cultures).

Please don't bow to special interest groups who want to limit the freedom & right-to-life of all Alaskans. I vote and will make sure that if passed, the proponents of SB#53 will know that the majority of Alaskans don't support this bill - by our future votes against you! Did you know that 15.7% of Americans will over →

Signed: Helen M. Groves

Testifier **HELEN M. GROVES**

Representing (Optional)

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will withhold their vote from a candidate purely because he/she takes a pro-choice position, even if they agree w/ him or her on other issues?

P.S. What happened to the previous consensus gathered from local testimony that showed that most Alaskans do not support "State paid for" abortions?

Who do you represent in Juneau?
Yourselves or the voters?

Sincerely,
Allen M. Groves - "Pro-life"

Date: March 26, 1993

To: House HESS Committee and All House Members

Re: SB53

Senate Bill 53 is not about helping a woman out of a physically dangerous situation. Our current regulations under the Mickel Administration provide for that. SB53 is only about the so-called "fairness" factor. Because abortion on demand is legal and rich women can afford an elective abortion, this bill seeks to provide welfare funds to poor women so they can end their pregnancy simply because they do not want to be pregnant anymore. No physical threat need be present; just a desire to end a pregnancy "because they want to".

Supporters of SB53 want to make it "law" for poor women's elective abortions to be funded by the State, simply because rich women can afford this luxury and poor cannot. I use the term luxury to make a point. If the State will fund a poor woman's elective abortion because an elective abortion is available and affordable for a rich woman, why not have the State pay for a poor woman's elective cosmetic surgery like a face lift, or pay for her hairstyling at the finest salon, or even pay for some latest fashion clothes and jewelry.

That's absurd, isn't it? And if you really see SB53 for what it is, it's no different. I ask for you to listen to reason and vote against SB53. The State of Alaska should not fund elective abortions.

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,



Mark N. Moldenhauer/Alaska Resident

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Sterling, AK 99672

907-262-9319

Please enter into record my testimony to the House HESS committee on SB53, dated March 26, 1993.

Please open-mindedly consider the horror of what you are part of if you pass this bill. You would only be adding a problem on top of a problem. The answer is not to fund abortions through medicaid. How absurd! There are far better ways to approach the crisis pregnancy, holding both the mother and child's best interest at hand. For lack of time I cannot elaborate.

I ask you, representatives, Cynthia Toohey, Con Bunde, Gary Davis, Al Vezey, Pats Kott, Harley Olberg, Bettye Davis, Irene Nicholia, and Tom Brice, please listen carefully to the following words, and ponder upon them when you cast your vote on this bill.

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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name
 committee on Senate Bill 53, dated Mar. 26, 1993.
bill/subject

I am testifying to let you know that I do not support Senate Bill 53. I do not believe that it is the state or federal governments role to fund abortion. It is my opinion that by funding abortion the state & federal government takes away a persons responsibility to take care of themselves. The state/federal government is not a social service organization. Reject Senate Bill 53 and give the responsibility ~~to the state/federal government~~ to care for themselves back to the people/person where it belongs.

Signed: LeAnn McCaughey
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Deborah L. Morris

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I am very much against SB 53. I am also very disappointed that it has been passed this far. I do not want my tax dollars spent in the murder of babies. The scariest thing about this bill is, it makes state payments mandatory for abortions deemed necessary by the abortionists. Not only will the state permit funding for abortions for medical reasons or problems but if a woman is having psychological problems from the negative impacts of the pregnancy, she too will also be able to obtain a state funded abortion. This to me is quite a loophole because women will use the excuse of psychological health as a reason for the state to

pay for the abortion. Hospitals who do not believe in abortion or practice them will be forced to hold state funded abortions. I have lived in Alaska for almost 19 years and am proud to be an Alaskan.

This really upsets me that we as "the Great Land" want our state to fund abortions. The word abortion in the dictionary means "to be arrested in development." The only people who will benefit from SB53 passing is the abortionists, who are practicing abortions. If SB53 is passed you are contributing to the wealth of the abortionists. I work in a job that has close contact with the public, I know several people who

have obtained abortions
 from state funds. She
 was I see this bill is
~~I~~ if someone does not have
 any money ^{for an abortion} the state
 can help them get ~~at~~ one
~~abortion~~. What we are
 saying if this bill passes
 is Alaska will help women
 abort, kill & destroy the
 babies growing in their
 wombs. That's a lot of
 blood on Alaska's hands.
 That's sad - it's so sad. All
 I can say is God help
 us. Again I am very much
 against SB53 & I hope you
 all make the right decision
 to be against it also.

Thank you,

Deborah Morris
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Bettie L. Davis
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Senate Bill 53

262-5124

Please vote against S.B. 53. This is not how I want my tax dollar spent. Abortion is murder. Is there any fundamental difference between a baby who resides in his mother's uterus and one who has made an 8-inch journey down the birth canal? If so what is the difference? At what point in the birth process does God's mantle of humanness fall upon an individual? The only difference between them is that one can be seen and the other cannot. So it is equally wrong to kill either those born or yet to be born. If a baby is born in the delivery room with deficiencies it is wrong to destroy it. Authorities would charge you with murder. Yet a few moments earlier with abortion it would have been OK? legal? Once born, the deliberate destruction of life is unthinkable. Why, then, is such a baby considered "fair game" when he resides within his mother's uterus? It is true that the law recognizes a different status for those born versus those unborn, but the law in this instance is wrong. There is no biological or moral basis for the distinction. Infanticide merely seems acceptable when we don't have to witness the death process of a tiny victim we have not met yet. Please vote against this S.B. 53. Thank you,

Bettie L. Davis

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Alaska State Legislature

SB 53

HOUSE HEALTH, ED.
AND SOCIAL SERVICES
committee name

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

committee on SB-53 , dated _____
bill/subject

3/26/93

ON BEHALF OF THE FAIRBANKS COALITION FOR CHOICE, I EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB-53 TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR POOR WOMEN'S ABORTIONS. THE COALITION ALSO SUPPORTS THE AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD AS INSURE THAT NO FUTURE RESTRICTIONS ON THIS FUNDING COULD BE IMPOSED. WOMEN NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE AFFORDABLE ABORTION, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ECONOMIC STATUS.

WHILE SOME PEOPLE HAVE OBJECTED TO THE COST OF ABORTIONS TO TAXPAYERS, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE COST OF THE PREGNANCIES WHICH WOULD RESULT IF ABORTION FUNDING IS DENIED - TO TAXPAYERS WOULD BE MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS MORE THAN THE COST OF THE ABORTIONS. THE STATE HAS NO RIGHT, (NOR INTEREST) TO: DICTATE MORALITY, DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOMEN BECAUSE OF THEIR POVERTY, PROMOTE PREGNANCY OVER ABORTION, NOR TO INVADE WOMEN'S PRIVACY IN FORCING THEM TO JUSTIFY THEIR DECISIONS TO THEIR DOCTORS. PLEASE SUPPORT THE AMENDED SB-53.

Thank you.
Sincerely, Lisa Penálver

P.S. I tried to testify, but was unable to get to the L.I.O. before testimony was closed (4:40) pm.

Signed: LISA PENÁLVER, DIRECTOR, PCFC
Testifier

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SB 53



Alaska State Legislature

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 committee name
 committee on SB 53, dated March 26, 1993
 bill/subject

SB 53 is a nonproductive obligation of state funds. It will encourage use of state funds for birth control as it did in the past. I hope you can more wisely appropriate our limited state funds.

Signed: Steven J. Joslin
 Testifier

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Senator:
To Mike Miller

SB 53

+ all Legislators :

VOTE NO on

S.B. 53

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SB 53

To: HESS Committee members

Dear Honorable Representatives:

SB 53 is NOT in the best interests of all Alaskans.

The present abortion funding regulations are a satisfactory compromise between those who advocate unlimited public funding for abortion and those who would criminalize abortion for any reason.

Any spending of limited state resources should target efforts at education and family planning for poor women.

Sincerely,

Sai Duchanin

Sai Duchanin RN /PA-C

SB 53

1-465-2137

TO ALL LEGISLATORS:

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO
SENATE BILL 53.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB53.
THANKYOU.

Agnes Anne Wilcox
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99760

March 23, 1993

Health, Education & Social Services Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Ak 99801

RE: Senate Bill No. 55

Dear H E S Committee,

It deeply concerns me to see that our legislators are pushing the idea of using state dollars to pay for abortions. I am opposed to this bill.

As an Alaskan Native, my culture values life very highly. To pursue this alternative is a sign of compromising and loss of values to life and especially the future of our people. I was taught that our people are our greatest resources. Why should we as a state, lessen that fact by allowing such a bill to destroy our future?

Furthermore, I understand our state is one of the richest states in the Union. Why is it, that "the poor people" is one the main reasons we are seeing this bill pushed?

I believe the emphasis is misplaced. If the emphasis is "the poor people", our government should find a way to take care of "the poor people" problem first, and the other will take care of itself. Let's deal with the root of the problem and not the by-product of the problem. This bill will not solve "the poor people" problem but prolong it. With this perspective, we would have not solved this problem, but unwisely spent state funds. This is where I am uncomfortable in seeing this bill going to the floor. (You will have to consider the fact that if bill No. 55 passes and people begin using our state money for abortions, it can promote an unnecessary habit, wasting state dollars.)

Instead, the government should be helping people by creating jobs, starting businesses, and giving assistance for child care so parents can work, so each lady can afford their choice, which ever it may be. I myself do not support abortions, because life is precious.

Glenda Tabor
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March 23, 1993

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To help the "poor people" is in itself an honest gesture and also our responsibility. We must help them, and in my opinion, must not lead them to destruction or cause them to be destructive to themselves or their babies. If we have the resources to help at all it should be in the right direction. We may think abortion is a solution to the problem of unwanted pregnancies due to poverty, but who's to say, one of those unwanted babies may grow up and one day solve or help people out of poverty? (It's sad to see that even mothers would not be able to see that day, because of their choice to abort their babies, and sadder to have been done with state money.)

We are told more and more, our state money is running low in Alaska. Please use the money wisely. Value our human resources on the state level. If there is extra money, use it to promote adoptions, tubal ligations, foster parent's programs, and especially hospital care for those who choose to have their babies. The WIC program is one of the best things going in the state. It can use a few more dollars.

Sincerely,



Glenda Tabor

cc: Governor Hickel
Al Adams
Eileen Maclean
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Alaska Right to life
file



Alaska State Legislature

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 committee name
 committee on SB -53, dated 4-1-93
 bill/subject

I believe it is unfair to prevent women, who happen to be poor, from having to continue an unwanted pregnancy on the assumption of saving money for the state. The worst thing that can happen to a child is be unwanted and by insisting a woman go full term because the child can be adopted, simply makes the woman a "baby factory". The state should not be in such a business.

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State of Alaska
State House of Representatives
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SB53

Attn: Representative Tooley and other Legislators
Fax#: 465-2137

Dear Representative Tooley,

My name is Sarah Mills. I am a 38 year old female, single, and an Alaskan resident. I have lived in Alaska for approximately 35 of my 38 years.

I am concerned about the passage of Senate Bill No. 53, due for discussion this week.

As a single woman I take full responsibility for my reproductive life. I am not married, and do not want to have children until I am married. I realize not all women feel this way. I also realize that all pregnancies are not planned, timely or desired etc.

As a Psychology student I have been studying what many clinicians call "Post-Abortion Syndrome". Despite various surveys and literature reviews that deny this problem, it does exist for many women, causing much personal distress. I realize that not all women suffer in this way after abortion. Many do however as is verified from the growing 'support groups' forming to address this need. Many times abortions are recommended due to the best medical interest of the patient, physically and psychologically. This has been disproven as valid for most women; in fact a woman's emotional distress is usually aggravated by abortion. (See The Psychological Aspects of Abortion Edited by David Mall and Dr. Walter Watts, Loyola University, 1979, a collection of essays by several physicians).

In the same way counselors are needing information on how to counsel women suffering from abortion aftermath ("How to Help After an Abortion", Healing Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 5, 1991).

I can't in good conscience promote abortion as a procedure for anything except a life and death event. I value "Freedom of Choice" and love living in a democratic society. I believe that 'choice' occurs with the decision to conceive or to prevent conception. After conception occurs a separate life is formed. (If it wasn't a life, why must it be 'terminated', 'ended', 'aborted' etc.) To me, life begins at conception and any attempt to end that life is morally wrong. I value life.

I can't desire that my tax money goes to pay for the abortive procedure. It's grievous to me the way abortion is used so freely, and how it de-values the unborn child. Please consider this letter in your session.

SARAH MILLS
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Sincerely,
Sarah Mills
Sarah Mills

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Fax # along with the bill	Fax # SB53

SB 53

State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS
committee name

committee on SB53- , dated 3/26/93
bill/subject

Please pass SB53. The state should continue to provide funding for abortions for women who are eligible for Medicaid.

Our state does provide good support for prenatal care. It should also provide financial assistance for abortions.

In response to testimony about the fiscal integrity of our state, this bill would save the state money.

Please pass SB53, ASAP.

Signed: [Signature]

Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

SB 53

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Health Education & Social Services committee name

committee on Senate Bill 53, dated 3-26-93
bill/subject

I am opposed to Senate bill 53 because I believe that abortion has opened up a whole new avenue of abuse toward women. The word "choice" rings hollow when the only choice society encourages her to make is to abort her baby.

Who does abortion really serve? Does it serve the woman who wishes she could keep her child? Or does it serve her boyfriend who threatens to leave her if she doesn't abort? Or does it serve her husband who doesn't want to support another child? Or her parents who want to save face in the community or who aren't willing to care for their daughter's child in order to help her to complete her schooling? Are these loving responses to a woman in crisis?

Abortion clinics also benefit. Don't be fooled by thinking they are there only to help women. Their motive is profit. Carol Everett was the marketing manager for 4 abortion clinics in Texas 10 years ago. In an interview with Today's Christian Woman Magazine the March/April issue she states, "abortion is the largest uncontrolled industry in our nation. Most abortion clinics are run in chains because they are so profitable. I had a 25% commission on every abortion, so I know exactly how many we did. The last month I was involved, we did 545 abortions - which equaled \$13,625 in my pocket."

"The abortion industry is not about choices; it's about money."

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Signed: Connie Everett RN Connie Everett RN
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LETTERS/TESTIMONY ON SB 53

Abortion is not a choice women make. Abortion is a skillfully marketed product sold to a woman at a crisis time in her life."

"A woman calls the abortion clinic exploring her alternatives, but she doesn't realize the abortion ~~counselor~~ counselor is actually an abortion salesperson."

As taxpayers we may think it is more economical for the State to pay for an abortion than to support a woman on welfare. But, lets not forget that Germany's "final solution" for the "Jewish problem" had its roots in a depressed post WWI economy. They first decided to sterilize people with hereditary diseases. Then they began to mercy kill retarded children, then psych patients and then other "life unworthy of life" because it was cheaper than to care for them.

As the late governor of Connecticut, Ella Grasso, once said, "Let us not kill the children of the poor, and then tell them how we have helped them."



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS
committee name

committee on SB 53, dated 3/26/93
bill/subject

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 53. This is an important bill on reproductive freedoms. This bill gives all woman the same reproductive freedoms by giving abortion rights to low income woman. The same rights that are offered by more affluent woman. low income woman are not less sexually responsible than their more affluent counterparts. Every woman sometimes in their sexual choices encounters birthcontrol failure or an unwanted unlooked for pregnancy. We all have to do what is right for ourselves and our families Married or not. All woman need to have the right to make this choice regardless of income. The State provides health care to those who can't afford it. Abortion is a legal medical procedure. This State of
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Signed: Hendrick Mearns
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obligated to pay for abortions for those
woman who can't afford ~~them~~ it. This
State should not be making a moral decision
on a legal medical procedure. This is for a
woman to make for herself and her family
present or future.

Please pass SBS3.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE HEBS COMMITTEE
committee name

committee on SB 53, dated 26 MARCH 1993.
bill/subject

I URGE YOU TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF SB 53 WHICH WILL RESTORE FUNDS WHICH WILL ENABLE LOW-INCOME WOMEN TO OBTAIN ABORTIONS.

IT IS A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE HER OWN MEDICAL TREATMENT.

POOR WOMEN, ALL WOMEN, DESERVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN REPRODUCTIVE LIFE.

THE RESCINDING OF THESE FUNDS DISCRIMINATES AGAINST THE POOR.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL TO RESTORE STATE FUNDS.

Signed:

Janice Doreff
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS (House) committee name

committee on Senate Bill 53, dated 3/26/93

bill/subject
My name is Kathy Hudson
I'm speaking in support of SB 53.

I believe a woman has a right to make choices about her own body. A woman's decisions about her future and her body should not be at the mercy of other's moral judgement. We need to only judge ourselves and our own conduct; not try to control other's moral decisions.

As for state funding of abortions - I believe it is in the best interest of the state and of the taxpayers to help prevent unwanted pregnancy. A poor woman doesn't need the added burden of a child she cannot raise, whether financially or emotionally; and I don't believe the state or the taxpayers want that burden either.

Signed: Kathy Hudson
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS

committee name

committee on SB 53, dated 3/26/93

bill/subject

I sincerely believe in the need to continue funding of abortions for poor women. I urge you to do so too. It is important to guarantee equal rights to all our states residents regardless of economic status. I believe it is essential to recognize a woman's right to make her own decision about ~~it~~ ^{this issue}. I urge you to support this bill. Abortion rights are legal in Alaska. To refuse one segment of the population, such as low income families is clearly discrimination. This shouldn't be a governmental issue. This is a difficult personal decision and, once made, shouldn't be more difficult because of financing or ~~this is not a right or wrong decision.~~ discrimination. Thank you for your support of SB 53.

Signed:

Debi Lawe

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess committee on S.B.53, Annuling the Governors Abortion Regulations and ammended to provide abortion on demand with priority funding by thestatte, March 26, 1993 at 3:30pm.

I oppose S.B.53 because if it is passed:

1. Alaska will become the Abortion Capitol of the U.S.A. Right now we are over-flowing with the elderly brought up here by their children so that they can receive the Longevity Bonus, Permanent Fund dividend, and tax exempt status for their homes and cars. These people are draining our resources with-out ever having contributed to the state of Alaska. Women will be flocking up here for state funded abortions and any other free benefits they can get. Is this the caliber of people that help benefit the state?

2. Alaska is, and will become in even greater numbers, liable for lawsuits by women injured physically, mentally and emotionally by state funded abortions. There are some women in Sitka who are contemplating filling a suite against the state for injuries received from state funded abortions.

Are these two situations really what you want to set up? We d not even have valid informed consent regulations to protect the state against lawsuits.

Alaska is trapped in the financial and moral quick sand of Turnagain Arm. The tide is coming in and it is time to extract the state not push it deeper irto the quick sand.

Please oppose S.B. 53 vigorously and do not pass it out of committee. Thank You.

Virginia C. Phillips

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Parental Notification Reduces Teen Pregnancy

BOSTON — A recent study in *The American Journal of Public Health* clearly shows that parental notification laws reduce teenage pregnancy and abortion rates.

The study, "Impact of the Minnesota Parental Notification Law on Abortion and Birth," in the March, 1991 *Journal*, states that the abortion rate fell 28% after the enactment of a parental notification law in Minnesota in 1985. Since the birthrate also declined, this demonstrates that the pregnancy rate among teenagers dropped dramatically. The study concludes that the Minnesota law encouraged pregnancy avoidance among teenagers.

Planned Parenthood and other abortion advocacy groups have wasted millions of taxpayers' dollars trying to reduce teen pregnancy, said Massachusetts Citizens for Life President Ruth Paku-

luk. "Ironically, parental notice and consent statutes are the only measures that have proven effective in reducing teen pregnancies, and abortion advocacy groups have spent millions of dollars opposing these laws. It is time for them to admit publicly that they have been wrong and apologize for wasting so many tax dollars," she said.

"It is clear from the success of the Minnesota notice law and the Massachusetts parental consent law that parental involvement in their minor daughters' health-care decisions has had an overwhelmingly positive impact," said MCPL Education Director Linda Thayer.

"Because a minor often lacks the ability to make fully informed choices, parental involvement is imperative to ensure that she receives the benefit of appropriate counsel from those who know her

physical, emotional, familial, religious, or psychological background — her parents," Thayer added. "Abortion advocates are currently trying to weaken the Massachusetts parental consent statute. They want to lower the age limit for minors from 18 to 16 and the state to require the involvement of one instead of two parents," said Madeline McCormish, chairman of the MCPL Legislative Committee. "We hope that these results will persuade them to stop their efforts to weaken parental notice and consent statutes."

The Wanderer
Press
4-11-91

WAITING PERIOD REDUCES ABORTIONS

JACKSON, MS — A 24-hour waiting period for abortions has resulted in a 40% decrease in abortions. Mississippi also requires doctors to tell women about fetal development and abortion alternatives. (USA TODAY 1/21/93)



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H-Hess
 committee name
 committee on Bill 5853, dated 3-21-93
 bill/subject

*I am against any funds relating to
 payment under Medicaid and general
 reev. medical assistance, that would provide funds
 for abortions. Again I'm against this
 bill. I do not want my money going
 toward abortions.*

Signed: Betsy Mean
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H - Hess
 committee name
 committee on Bill #53, dated 3/24/93
 bill/subject

I oppose Bill #53. Against any funds relating to payment under Medicare and general relief medical assistance that would provide funds for obstructions.

Signed: Willard Ward
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H. HESS
committee name

committee on SB53, dated 3.26.93
bill/subject

I oppose SB53 & strongly urge you to defeat it,
I oppose state funded abortions.
Please consider!

Elective abortions funded by the State of Alaska encourage our young people to engage in promiscuous behavior. Elective abortions funded by the State of Alaska is saying to our young people that our law makers (who should be looked upon as having the highest of moral standards) approve of irresponsible intercourse. If there are no adverse consequences to have to face from irresponsible intercourse (like pregnancy) why should young people practice abstinence and self control? What kind of future society are we and our children going to be living in where promiscuity and lack of responsibility is encouraged, where irresponsibility makes young people vulnerable to AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. By encouraging our young people to choose abstinence we protect them from AIDS, guilt, doubt and worry, loss of self esteem, abortion trauma, exploitation, emotional disorders & unwed pregnancy. Abstinence means freedom from all the above complications, plus the freedom to develop meaningful relationships, freedom from sexual obligations, freedom to develop rewarding skills & abilities + ^{to} decided what they want to do with their future.

Signed: Alice Young
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H HESS
 committee name
 committee on SB 53, dated 3.26.93
 bill/subject

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By encouraging our young people to practice self control we protect them from other sexually transmitted diseases also. Did you know that STD's are the most common disease in America next to the common cold + flu and that STDs infect 3 million teenagers each year that new strains of STDs are resistant to treatment and that STDs often cause chronic pain + permanent damage? As for "safe sex" every teen I have talked to says that they know condoms are no protection from pregnancy much less STDs.

Please defeat SB53. I object to state funds being used for elective abortions.
 Thank you for considering my testimony.

Signed: Alice Young
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KODAK L20 - 5264 (FMK)

TO: All State House & Representative HESS 468 2137 H
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FROM: Michael E Norman

PO BX 4487

KODAK AK 99615

907 482 3003

FMK 484 1913

RE: Senate Bill # 53

I urge your support of Senate Bill # 53 which
Provides for state funding for abortions.

Abortions are a tragedy &
Abuse tragedy is one baby condemned to live in
which they are unwanted and unloved.

a scandalizing percentage of children live below the
Poverty line. - CRUEL!

Please, don't add to the problems.

Michael E Norman



Testimony in Support of SB 53

Presented to the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee

by Annalee McConnell, Public Affairs Coordinator

March 23, 1993

On behalf of Planned Parenthood of Alaska, I urge you to ensure state funding of abortions for poor women through the enactment of SB 53. Alaska should maintain its long tradition of non-discriminatory respect for the right to privacy in decisions about reproductive health. It is unconscionable that the governor waited until the legislature adjourned last spring to propose regulations clearly intended to discourage low income women from receiving legal abortions.

As you know, Planned Parenthood and six other organizations filed suit last month to block implementation of the regulations. It was not until we filed our complaint in court that the Department of Health and Social Services finally put into writing its intention not to single out this medical procedure by requiring separate psychological evaluations or special record-keeping. The state's affidavit implies that the regulations would make virtually no difference in the state's practice with regard to funding abortion. Yet what is to explain the 40% reduction in the number of abortions on which both the original fiscal note to the regulations and the January 27 DHSS position paper on SB 53 are based? Clearly, the governor does intend that fewer poor women receive state-funded abortions.

For many women, unplanned pregnancies create severe financial and emotional hardships. It is patently unfair that a poor woman who elects to bear a child receives state-funded obstetrical care, while the woman who believes childbirth is against her best interests receives no financial assistance. The administration says that only elective abortions are denied funding, yet the term "elective abortion" is a misnomer. Women must choose one type of medical care or the other: continuing a pregnancy with obstetrical services or terminating it with an abortion.

When the regulations went into effect, neither the women needing abortions, nor their doctors, nor counseling agencies like Planned Parenthood were comforted by the assertions of one state employee that abortions would not be treated any differently than before. We believe this is why doctors stopped doing Medicaid-funded abortions until an agreement between the plaintiffs and the state was signed by the judge as a court order. They didn't trust the statement of one mid-level manager in light of the governor's claim that the "state will stop funding abortions", as the headline of his July press release on the proposed regulations declared.

We urge the committee to report this bill out favorably and to seek a commitment for a vote on the House floor at the earliest possible time. Thank you.



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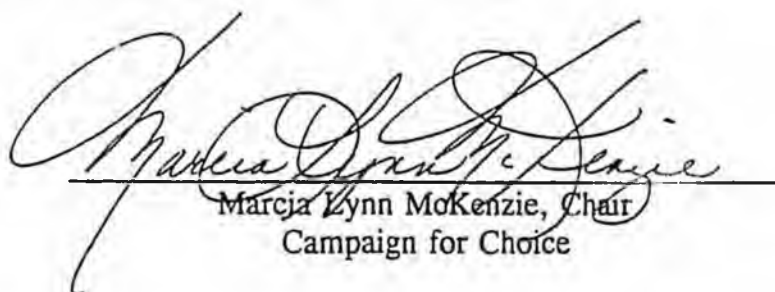
AAUW-Alaska, the statewide arm of the American Association of University, supports a woman's right to self-determination in her reproductive life. Therefore, we urge prompt passage of CSSB 53(Fin) am(efd fld) which will annul the recent amendments to regulations which determine the availability of General Relief Medical Assistance funding for abortion services. This legislation will also codify in statute that payment for both therapeutic and elective abortion procedures shall be covered for those eligible for General Relief Medical Assistance to the extent permitted under federal and state law, notwithstanding administrative regulations.

Abortion services in Alaska are costly due to a lack of general availability and the required travel. Alaska's rate of teen pregnancies remains among the highest in the nation, and the reality of an unwanted child, especially for a young woman, is most often a lifetime of poverty and bitterness. 5% of Alaska's population--20,000 children--are currently being raised by single parents supported by public funding. The cost to the Alaskan public to support these children is far more than that of terminating unwanted pregnancies. There is also a lifetime psychological burden on the both the mother and unwanted child, which cannot be measured in monetary terms.

CSSB 53(Fin) am(efd fld) will remove the unwarranted intrusion of government into the most private aspects of those Alaskan women who cannot afford medical care on their own. The amended regulations now in effect stipulate that abortion services will be covered by General Relief Medical Assistance in the cases of rape, incest or when a physician determines that there will be physical or psychological harm to the mother. This provision thus denies our Alaskan constitutional right to privacy for victims of rape and incest who are seeking appropriate medical care in order that they may attempt to resume a normal life and who may not wish to reveal the circumstances surrounding the pregnancy.

The regulations also impose a moral/religious code on a selected segment of our population. The majority of Alaskans agree that each woman has the right to control her own body. This was documented in a statewide survey conducted by Cracian & Associates in late 1991, in which over 70% of those surveyed were found to be pro-choice. That this right should not be based on a woman's financial situation is supported by the citizens of our state: In the oral and written testimony submitted concerning the amended regulations by over 8,400 individual Alaskans in 99 communities during the summer of 1992, 66% were opposed to any changes in the General Relief Medical Assistance regulations; only 34% supported changing the regulations.

AAUW-Alaska urges prompt passage of this vital legislation.



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CS SB 53(Fin) am(efd fld) "An Act relating to payment for abortions under Medicaid and general relief medical assistance; annulling changes made by certain regulations adopted by the Department of Health and Social Services relating to funding of abortion services under the general relief medical program."

CS SB 53(Fin) am(efd fld) annuls the changes made by the new regulations and amends the Medicaid and GRM statutes so that similar regulations could not be adopted in the future.

Section 1:

(a) Makes it clear that the old statutes allowed state funding for abortions.

(b) Intent is that abortions are eligible for funding under the regulations as they existed in December 1992.

Sec. 2.

Changes the Medicaid statutes. Adds a new section to the Medicaid statutes saying the department shall pay for abortions to the extent permitted under federal law and if not permitted under federal law, a person eligible for assistance under this chapter shall be covered under the GRM statutes.

Sec. 3.

Changes the GRM statutes. Adds a new section to the GRM statutes saying the department shall pay abortion costs for a person who is otherwise eligible for assistance under Medicaid or GRM statutes, with equal priority to other services as ranked in the statutes.

Sec. 4.

Annuls the changes to the GRM regulations.

Sec. 5.

Allows the Act to be retroactive to the date the regulations went into effect.

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CSSB 53(FIN) would annul changes in regulations intended to limit use of government funding to pay for abortions that are not therapeutic. Specifically, the bill annuls changes in the regulations that specify that General Relief Medical is only available to women seeking "therapeutic abortions: and related services, annuls references to "elective abortions:" under 7 AAC 47,210 and 7 AAC 47,290 including subsections defining "elective abortions" and "therapeutic abortions."

The statement of intent calls for abortions to be eligible for funding under regulations in force in December of 1992. Unlike the original bill, CSSB 53(FIN) bars the administration from readopting the same regulations.

Position:

The Department of Health and Social Services opposes CSSB 53(FIN). The bill is a needless action which, if adopted, would place abortions in a special, single service category paid for without a determination as to medical necessity. The present regulations reflect extensive hearing testimony reviewed at all levels of government and with considerable public involvement. Existing regulations make Alaska's policy on abortion consistent with the majority of other states.

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7 AAC 47.170(b) An applicant under 18 years of age may apply on his or her own behalf if the applicant is living apart from parents or guardian and is managing his or her own personal financial affairs. [A female] An applicant under 18 years of age living at home with her parents or guardian may apply without regard to her parents' or guardian's income if she is a female seeking a [therapeutic abortion] pregnancy-related service.

7 AAC 47.200 GENERAL RELIEF MEDICAL COVERAGE. The General Relief Medical program provides payment on behalf of needy persons who are eligible under the provisions of this chapter for any of the following services:

(4) physician services if

(A) related to major medical care provided in a hospital on an inpatient basis;

(B) provided in a hospital emergency room the same day on which the recipient is admitted for major medical care;

(C) provided to a recipient residing in a nursing home;

(D) provided in either an outpatient or an inpatient setting to a recipient with a diagnosis described in 7 AAC 47.271(b); or

(E) [provided in determining eligibility for a therapeutic abortion; or] provided for pregnancy-related services;

[(F) provided for a therapeutic abortion:]

(5) outpatient laboratory and x-ray services provided in conjunction with [a therapeutic abortion] pregnancy-related services or nursing home care;

(6) medical transportation related to major medical care, nursing home care, or [a therapeutic abortion] pregnancy-related services;

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(7) for an elective procedure [,including an elective abortion] other than a pregnancy-related service as defined in 7 AAC 47.290:

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(3) "elective procedure" means a procedure that is subject to the choice or decision of the patient or physician regarding medical services that are advantageous to the patient but not necessary to prevent the death or disability of the patient; [,and includes an elective abortion;]

(5) [is repealed:] "pregnancy-related service" or "pregnancy-related services" means a service or services reasonably necessary for an abortion;

7 AAC 47.290(7) and (8) are added definitions which would be annulled.

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- (1) Content of the proposed regulations.
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DISCUSSION

(1) Content of the proposed regulations.

The proposed regulations make changes in two different DHSS programs that provide medical care for indigent women: Medicaid and General Relief Medical (GRM).

The proposed changes in the Medicaid regulations provide that payment for an abortion will "in the department's discretion" be covered if the billing invoice is accompanied by certification that "the life of the mother would be endangered if the pregnancy were carried to term."^{1/} See proposed 7 AAC 43.140(a).

The proposed changes in the GRM regulations would restrict funding to "therapeutic abortions" and eliminate funding for "elective abortions." See proposed 7 AAC 47.200 and 7 AAC 47.210.

"Therapeutic abortion" is defined in the proposed GRM regulations to include three types of pregnancy terminations^{2/}: (1) where the pregnancy resulted from "actions that would constitute a crime of" sexual assault, sexual abuse of a minor, or incest;^{3/}

^{1/} It is not clear what the proposed regulations mean by "in the department's discretion." Will the DHSS second-guess the physician's certification?

According to the Anchorage Daily News, the commissioner intends to leave "the final call" to "doctors, not bureaucrats." However, that comment was, according to the ADN, made in reference to the definitions of "elective" and "therapeutic" in the GRM regulations, not the use of "in the department's discretion" in the Medicaid regulations. See ADN, Thursday, July 9, 1992, at Page A10, Col. 5.

The proposed Medicaid regulations should be clarified in regard to this language about DHSS's "discretion."

^{2/} In using the phrase "termination of pregnancy," the regulations make no attempt to distinguish procedures like induced labor or Caesarian sections. Most likely, these would be covered under Medicaid as childbirth procedures, so they need not be covered under the GRM regulations.

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