

ABORTION NOW LEGISLATORS REPORT



LEGISLATOR'S LIFE REVIEW SENATOR KELLY MERRICK (R)

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Pro-Life Bills

28

Abortion Funding
Votes¹

3,122

Abortions
Funded¹

5,861

Abortions Reported
While In Office³

YES

Vote with Democrats

NO

Sponsor Pro-Abortion Bills

YES

Oppose Pro-Life Bills

YES

Give Planned Parenthood Control of the State Checkbook^{CC}

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PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION (LIFETIME)

BILL	BILL TITLE	ACTION	STATUS	YEAR(S)
##	NONE	NONE	N/A	2019-2024

PRO-ABORTION LEGISLATION (LIFETIME)

BILL	BILL TITLE	ACTION	STATUS	YEAR(S)
HB 17	Planned Parenthood's Contraception  (Abortion Gateway Drug) Bill	YES	VETOED	2024

FOOTNOTES

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ABORTION FUNDING VOTES

BUDGET BILL	VOTE DATE	VOTE	ABORTIONS FUNDED	ABORTIONS REPORTED
HB 268	5/15/2024	2	534 ⁹	N/A
HB 39	5/6/2023	3	534 ¹⁰	1,247 ³
HB 281	5/6/2022	11	514	1,222
HB 69	5/6/2021	8	546	1,247
HB 05	5/6/2020	2	539	1,229
HB 39	5/7/2019	2	455	1,206
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IMPORTANT:

Abortion has been baked into Alaska's annual Operating Budget since 2002. Protecting babies from being killed by taxpayer funded abortions requires a \$0.00 Abortion Services amendment, which has never been adopted.

Pro-Life Republicans held majorities in both House and Senate in 2023/2024, yet still voted for budgets that pay for Alaskan babies to be killed⁷. **FOOTNOTES**


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BI-PARTISAN SENATE MAJORITY CAUCUS

POLITICAL PARTY	CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP	POSITION ON LIFE FAMILY SEXUALITY
8 REPUBLICANS	<u>KELLY MERRICK</u> Wilson, Stevens, Stedman, Merrick, Kaufman, Giessel, Bjorkman, Bishop	VARIES
9 DEMOCRATS	Wielechowski, Tobin, Olson, Kiehl, Kawasaki, Hoffman, Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, Claman	Pro-Abortion Pro-Homosexual Pro-Transgender *Planned Parenthood Endorsed* 

IMPORTANT:

Membership in a caucus, coalition, or alliance with Democrats and Planned Parenthood endorsed abortion advocates always results in Republicans surrendering their principles and constituents for the power and position that comes with a compromised majority caucus.

FOOTNOTES

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD FOOTNOTES

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ABORTION FUNDING VOTES

Legislators vote dozens or even hundreds of times in the passage of each budget. Only those votes that advance an abortion funding budget are counted here.

FUNDED ABORTIONS

Represents the number of abortions funded by the budgets the SENATOR voted for. In cases where the SENATOR did not vote to advance an abortion funding budget, those budgets, votes, and related abortions are not included.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Who paid for those babies to be killed? The State of Alaska paid for those killings.
- Who decided (voted) to pay for those babies' murders? Nearly every Alaskan Legislator.
- Who signed those abortion funding budgets into law? Governor Dunleavy.

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ABORTION DE-FUNDING AMENDMENTS

Abortion funding has been baked into Alaska's annual Operating Budget since 2002.

Protecting babies from being killed by taxpayer funded abortions requires a \$0.00 Abortion Services amendment, which has never been adopted.

Budget amendments must adhere to the following rules according to Leg Council v Knowles (2001):

1. Not administer the program;
2. Not enact law or amend existing law;
3. Be the minimum necessary to explain the legislature's intent regarding how the money appropriated is to be spent;
4. Be germane, that is, appropriate, to an appropriations bill; and

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5. Not extend beyond the life of the appropriation.

An appropriate, effective, and legally enforceable amendment sets the spending and transferring of money for abortions to \$0.00:

1. Medicaid Services for or Relating to Abortion: \$0.00
2. No funds shall be expended from or transferred into the Medicaid Services For or Relating to Abortion appropriate.

REPUBLICANS FAILED ABORTION DE-FUNDING AMENDMENT

“No money appropriated in this appropriation may be expended for an abortion that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a). The money appropriated for the Department of Health may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, unless a U.S. Supreme Court decision provides new precedent, and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.”

Republicans have included this ineffective and unenforceable for nearly 20 years – yet we continue to pay for babies to be killed. The amendment fails to set any restriction on abortion funding – and it fails the Leg Council v Knowles test.

Additionally, Republicans held a majorities in the House and Senate in 2023/2024, but they advanced and passed budgets that pay for Alaskan babies to be killed.

REPORTED ABORTIONS

Represents the number of babies killed during the Representative’s tenure in office.

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The information is provided to help Alaskans recognize and understand the facts and ask the important question, since Roe v Wade has been overruled for more than two years, why has the abortion status-quo not been challenged by the Republican controlled House and Senate?

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IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Who contracted with the abortionists to kill those babies? Neither the Governor nor any Legislator.
- Who brought those babies to the abortionists to be killed? Again, neither the Governor, nor any Legislator.
- Who killed those babies? Finally, neither the Governor, nor any Legislator killed those babies.

Abortionists kill babies, not Governors or Legislators.

However, the State of Alaska licenses physicians to kill babies by abortion while prosecuting men and women for killing babies outside of abortion businesses.

The legal hypocrisy and state sanctioned killing of babies before they are born continues because our elected representatives refuse to take the necessary action to recognize babies' rights to live, and babies' right to equal protection under the law.

FUNDING DESTRUCTIVE GENDER SURGERIES

Votes funding cross-sex hormone and destructive gender surgeries for children are counted.

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Amendment 80 would have protected Alaskan children from irreversible and destructive state funded hormone injections and gender destroying surgeries.

Planned Parenthood endorsed Democrat CJ McCormick argued against the amendment. 36 House Members voted to kill the amendment and fund cross-sex hormone and destructive gender surgeries for children.

Planned Parenthood endorsed Democrat CJ McCormick is a member of the Bi-Partisan House Majority Caucus.

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THE LIFE AT CONCEPTION ACT

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	<p>The Life at Conception Act prohibits abortion from conception by guaranteeing the child’s Constitutional right to live, right to equal rights, and equal protection under the law as recognized in Article 1 of Alaska’s Constitution.</p> <p>The Life at Conception Act has been introduced four times since 2017.</p>
6	<p>PROHIBITING ABORTION RIGHT TO PRIVACY</p> <p>HB 215 prohibits abortion by explicitly excluding abortion from the rights and activities protected under Alaska’s Constitutional Right to Privacy as recognized in Article 1, Section 22:</p> <p>“The right of the people to privacy is recognized and shall not be infringed. The Legislature shall implement this section.”</p> <p>Excluding abortion from the right to privacy provides a direct challenge to the 1997 Valley Hospital opinion in which Alaska’s Courts overstepped their bounds and exercised powers reserved exclusively for the Legislature and the People of Alaska.</p>
7	<p>ABORTION PROCEDURES / EXPANSION</p> <p><u>HB 284 AFFIRMED</u> abortionists’ authority to kill babies before they are born. <u>HB 284</u> would have regulated the age at which babies can legally be killed and the acceptable method(s) abortionists are to use to kill the unborn child.</p> <p><u>HB 284</u> recycled Pro-Abortion Senator Cathy Giessel’s infamous <u>SB 124</u> and SENATOR Cathy Tilton’s <u>HB 266</u>, both titled <u>The Abortion Procedures Act</u> of 2018.</p> <p><u>SB 124</u>, <u>HB 266</u>, and <u>HB 284</u> would have <i>required early inductions of live babies</i>; those surviving the forced pre-term birth would have either <u>been left to die</u> or if deemed developed enough by the abortionist, would have been given care.</p> <p><u>Affirming the legal right to kill babies is not “pro-life.”</u></p>
8	<p>ABORTION LEGALIZATION ULTRASOUNDS</p>

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HB 302: Introduced regulation that authorizes killing an unborn child if a fetal heartbeat is not detected.

Legalizes abortion in the case of “medical necessity.” Under current Alaska case law, 100% of abortions are “medically necessary.”

HB 302 establishes into law the abortionist’s authority to kill the child for any reason at any point in the unborn child’s life.

[Affirming an abortionist’s authority to kill an unborn child is not “pro-life.”](#)

ABORTION FUNDING ESTIMATES | 2024

Did the Representative’s vote implicitly or explicitly advance an abortion funding budget?

The numbers represented in this report approximate the number of babies’ deaths that were funded by a specific Operating Budget. Legislators are responsible for their votes that advance budgets that pay for babies to be killed.

The 534 abortions funded by HB 268 are estimated based on historical averages of the past 10 years’ abortions funded by the annual State Operating Budgets.

9 HB 268, the State Operating Budget, went into effect 7/1/2024 and will pay for babies to be killed by abortion in the latter part of 2024 and the first six months of 2025.

Alaska abortion reporting is released in February of every year, and reports on the number of babies killed January 1 to December 31 of every year. The 2024 report will include funding from HB 39 and HB 268.

Approximately 209 additional babies will be carried to Washington or Oregon to be killed by late term abortions at Alaskans’ expense in 2024. The State of Alaska has not released travel abortion numbers since 2018. Travel abortions are not included in the abortion funding estimates.

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Alaska abortion reporting is released in February of every year, and reports on the number of babies killed January 1 to December 31 of every year. The 2023 report included funding from HB 39 and HB 281.

Approximately 201 additional babies were carried to Washington or Oregon to be killed by late term abortions at Alaskans' expense in 2023. The State of Alaska has not released travel abortion numbers since 2018. Travel abortions are not included in the abortion funding estimates.

ABORTIONS REPORTED | 2023 & 2024

2023/2024 Reported Abortions

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The 1,247 abortions in 2023 were reported by the Alaska Induced Termination of Pregnancy (ITOP) report for 2023.

Alaska's abortion statistics run from January 1 to December 31 while the Operating Budget runs from July 1 to June 30.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS | SJR 2 / SJR 4 / SJR 13

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Alaska's Constitution, criminal, and administrative law recognize that "all persons have a natural right to life" and that children in the womb are due "equal protection under the law" under AS 11.41.150 and AS 11.81.900.

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Alaska Statute AS 11.81.900 recognizes the humanity and natural rights of unborn babies ***“at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb.”***

The Sponsor of [SJR 2](#), [SJR 4](#), and [SJR 13](#) has presented the amendment as a way to regulate abortion during the Roe v Wade era. Given that Roe was overruled prior to the introduction of [SJR 13](#), there is no longer a compelling case for submitting to Roe as constitutional (it never was), and as case law to obey.

Additionally, [SJR 2](#), [SJR 4](#), and [SJR 13](#) have been **presented** as means to either enact or restore legislation that establishes the **rights of parents** of underage minors to **direct abortions** of their unborn grandchildren.

Simply put, the SJRs were ill suited under Roe v Wade, and under the 2022 Dobbs v Jackson opinion, the US Supreme Court has already affirmed that there is no right to abortion in our Constitution(s), nor has there ever been one.

- Alaska’s Constitution recognizes the “natural right to life,” and the right to “equal protection under the law.
- Alaska’s laws recognize unborn babies as persons “at any stage of development.”
- The Dobbs v Jackson opinion affirms that there has never been a right to abortion in either the US or Alaska Constitution.

Therefore, the SJRs and their sponsor add confusion and the excessive burden of a constitutional amendment in an era that already does not recognize a right to abortion.

UNLIMITED ABORTION FUNDING

29 of 33 Republicans elected Democrats to Control the House and Senate Finance Committees when they ratified what’s called the [Committee on Committees \(CoC\) Report](#) January 17 and 19, 2023.

Those votes gave Planned Parenthood abortion activists control of the State’s Checkbook.

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Those votes guaranteed the 2024 and 2025 budgets would force Alaskans to pay for babies to be killed and children to be poisoned and mutilated.

When your favorite House Rep or Senator cast their votes to put Planned Parenthood in control of their respective Finance Committees, they effectively voted for every check Planned Parenthood will receive in 2023, 2024, and 2025 for killing and maiming babies and children.

In any normal logical course of cause and effect, ***a single action – a vote – begins a chain of events*** – which, without that first vote, may never happen.

Without that single CoC Report vote, Planned Parenthood wouldn't gain control of the Finance Committees.

Without control of the Finance Committees, Planned Parenthood wouldn't be able to write an abortion funding budget.

Without Planned Parenthood's abortion funding budget, the State could be prohibited from paying for babies to be killed, poisoned, and mutilated.

Every vote to ratify the CoC Report was a vote to pay every single abortion invoice Planned Parenthood submits to Alaska's Medicaid.

Those ***29 Republicans*** wrote Planned Parenthood a blank check for as many abortions as they can perform – and as many children they can poison and mutilate with cross-sex hormones and gender destroying surgeries.

The Committee on Committees vote **IS** the blank check that makes Alaskans the single largest abortion payer in the State.

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To learn more about how you can advocate for babies' rights to live by guaranteeing their right to equal rights, equal protection, and equal justice, contact Alaska Right to Life [HERE](#).

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