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LD 935

To the Chairs and Members of The Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services:

I oppose LD: 935: To Remove Barriers to Abortion Coverage in Private Insurance. This bill suffers from an absence of numerical data that would indicate why it is required. State abortion data for 2021 indicate that there were 1095 abortions in a state population of 1,372,000. The bill appears to be forcing insurance companies to make financial accommodations for a minority of people wanting abortion services. Of this group, there is no evidence in the bill of financial hardship because of their insurance premiums. So this bill appears to be a "solution" in search of a problem.

The bill would force insurance companies to raise fees for expansion of their services, and this increase in insurance premiums would have an impact on people like men- and other non-users of abortion services. it is a bullying bill that lacks any evidence that it is needed.

LD: 935: Ought not to pass.

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LD: 616: To Protect health Care Professionals in Reproductive Health Care Services: I oppose this bill , which plays "fast and loose" with medical malpractice. It lacks any problem definition of abuse of malpractice laws or by malpractice insurance, while it proposes to correct a completely unproven, possibly non-existent problem. Without data to suggest a problem, the bill will free doctors from malpractice charges- some of which may be real and unrelated to abortion. It is a bill with many obvious unintended consequences impacting the quality of medical practice.

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I oppose LD: 263: To Ensure Access to the Health Care Field of Abortion is a "what if" bill. It raises a hypothetical problem with no evidence that it exists. Because there is no evidence that mergers or acquisitions "might" diminish abortion services, does the state of Maine need a law to deal with possibilities. The bill seems predicated on a fear that possibly a merger or acquisition might "conceivably" diminish abortion services. it is a bill aimed at diminishing the nightmares and anxieties of its sponsor.

LD:263: Ought not to pass.

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