

ACTION ALERT!

Abortion Bill SB 632 will be voted on July 3.

Call, fax and e-mail committee members right away!

Sacramento: SB 623, *Public health: health workforce projects: abortions* (Kehoe), allows midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to perform aspiration abortions. [SB 623](#) is imprudent and unnecessary. It would lower medical standards on a surgical procedure that has a record of deaths and complications in women from botched legal abortions. SB 623 would expand abortions in California by extending abortion Health Workforce Pilot Project No. 171 beyond its intended 5-year duration.

Organizations please use letterhead and fax your opposition to SB 623 to the Assembly Health Committee at 916-319-2197 by Friday to be listed in the bill analysis given to committee members.

Background: On June 21st Sen. Christine Kehoe gutted and amended SB 623, originally a marine boat-painting bill, inserting new wording and new title regarding midwives being trained to commit first trimester abortions. SB 623 replaces defeated bill SB 1338 that would have lowered medical standards on suction abortions to increase abortion availability. Planned Parenthood, a sponsor of these bills, has had abortion mishaps with presumably licensed physicians. SB 623 will not improve their medical standards, but may improve their income by increasing clientele and reducing costs.



Assemblyman Brian Jones, who represents the same district as Senator Kehoe, said, "This whole thing is cloaked in deceit." Though sponsors say allowing more unlicensed people to perform abortions will give women in rural areas more access to them, "I have not had one constituent come to me and say 'Will you please make it easier for us to get abortions?' ", he said.

Medical safety should be of more concern than easy access to abortion in rural areas. If qualified physicians are not available there now, how is a woman's safety improved by affording her an aspiration abortion with its potential for a punctured uterus? Medical emergency vehicles from neighboring hospitals have been seen at Planned Parenthood clinics in Orange County (photo left). How close is the nearest hospital in rural areas?

California is "the first state that we know of that's ever looked at rescinding and actually decreasing the standard of care that women would be getting if they go into an abortion clinic," said Daniel McConchie, vice president of government affairs at Americans United for Life. That could create a ripple effect in other states. As the California Catholic Conference pointed out, California physician assistants and nurse practitioners aren't allowed to remove patients' earwax.

TAKE ACTION!

SB 623 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be heard on July 3 in the Assembly Health Committee. That's next week. Please start calling and faxing Health Committee members listed below now and urge a NO vote. Every phone and fax number starts with 916-319- Phone number last 4 digits are 20xx and fax numbers are 21xx where the last two digits (xx) are the

legislator's Assembly District number. The last four digits of the phone number are placed after of each legislator's name below.

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The Republicans will oppose the bill but need urgings. Democrats need to be reminded that if they are up for election this vote could make or break their chances.

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