

House Bill 4034

Sponsored by Representatives FREEMAN, THATCHER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits performing late-term sex-selection abortions.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to sex-selection abortions; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas sex-selection abortions are abortions performed solely because of the known or suspected sex of the unborn child; and

Whereas sex-selection abortions are often performed because of personal or cultural preferences for male children over female children, and not because of any clear or imminent danger to the life of the mother; and

Whereas scholarly research has demonstrated that sex-selection abortions are discriminatory, as females are aborted in such procedures at a disproportionately higher rate than are males; and

Whereas Oregonians strongly believe in gender equality; and

Whereas sex-selection abortions deprive unborn children of their natural rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as described in the Declaration of Independence and as protected by the United States Constitution; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. A person may not perform a late-term sex-selection abortion in this state. For purposes of this section, "late-term sex-selection abortion" means an abortion performed during or after the 31st week of pregnancy and undertaken solely because of the known or suspected sex of the unborn child.

SECTION 2. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.