

Senate Bill 541

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER (Presession 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 performance of late-term sex-selective abortion.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to sex-selective abortions.

3 Whereas sex-selective abortions are abortions performed solely because of the known or sus-
4 pected sex of an unborn child; and

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

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

10 Whereas Oregonians strongly believe in gender equality; and

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

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

15 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "late-term sex-selective abortion" means an**
16 **abortion performed during the third trimester of pregnancy and undertaken solely because**
17 **of the known or suspected sex of the unborn child.**

18 **(2) A person may not perform a late-term sex-selective abortion in this state.**
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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.