

Testimony

House Courts of Justice Committee February 16, 2024

SB 15 Prohibitions on Extradition

The League of Women Voters supports SB 15. We live in the United States of America, and it is horrifying that a citizen is able to have government intervention in her body! No health care professional should have to face retribution for performing a procedure or a woman for having a procedure done, at the whim of the government. This is a very real threat–Texas law lets private citizens sue out-of-state abortion providers, and Missouri is considering a similar law.

Please do not bring the "stench" of criminalization of women and healthcare professionals to Virginia. 77% of Virginians support this procedure being safe and legal.

SB16 Search Warrants for Menstrual Health Prohibited

The League of Women Voters supports SB 16. A person's menstrual cycle should never be made public. If a woman is having a health problem, then she and her health care professional should discuss this in private. This is an egregious violation of privacy and government intervention into our private lives. Protecting the privacy of this information is urgently needed—the information stored by digital health apps can be used in court as documentation that a birthing person has terminated a pregnancy.