

Testimony

Senate Committee on Courts of Justice February 7, 2024

<u>SB15</u>

Reproductive health care services; prohibitions on extradition for certain crimes.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports SB15

There are multiple reasons why a person might seek reproductive health care outside their home state. Legality and accessibility are compelling ones. The right to reproductive health care is a basic human right that is legal in Virginia. As we know, several states have taken away or severely restricted those rights, forcing individuals to seek needed reproductive health care elsewhere. We do not believe that our governor should prosecute individuals who choose to use the health care services that are available to, and utilized by, our fellow Commonwealth residents. Safeguards need to be in place to protect individuals who receive legal reproductive healthcare services in Virginia. This bill enshrines such protections.

We urge you to vote YES on SB15

<u>SB16</u>

Search warrants; menstrual health data prohibited, definition.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports SB 16. Menstrual health data, like all of women's health care choices, is personal, private information to which the government should not be privy. Women need to be protected from unnecessary and dangerous government intrusion into their personal

lives. Have we been reduced to government surveillance of our most intimate bodily functions now?