

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

BY REPRESENTATIVE Luck

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general
3 assembly finds and declares that:

4 (a) This Senate Bill 25-183 comes on the heels of the passage of
5 Amendment 79, where citizens were under the false perception that
6 repealing the ban on public funding for abortion would have no fiscal
7 impact on taxpayers despite the general assembly knowing full well that
8 they were going to present this Senate Bill 25-183 following the passage
9 of Amendment 79. The conservative yearly fiscal cost to the taxpayer will
10 be upwards of \$6 million.

11 (b) Vital statistics for abortions in Colorado have long lacked
12 credibility despite attempts to bolster their validity. The Colorado
13 department of public health and environment admits that the numbers
14 reported on their website "are believed to significantly underestimate the
15 true number of events". Well-known abortion advocacy organizations
16 affirm the inadequacy of Colorado's abortion data and estimate that
17 abortions are underreported by 40%. Accordingly, a Black child
18 conceived in Colorado has a 50/50 chance of being aborted in the womb.
19 This is an ethnic tragedy, not a choice.

20 (c) Citing the deliberate killing of our offspring, instead of taking
21 the responsibility to raise them, as a cost-saving measure with
22 long-lasting positive outcomes is repugnant to a moral people. Young
23 people are our future. As a society, we stand bleakly on the brink of a
24 demographic winter. Killing our children is antithetical to our very
25 survival as a people.

26 (d) The fertility rate in the United States has fallen by almost
27 50% since the 1960s and now stands at 1.78, well below the replacement
28 level of 2.1. In the coming decades, the greatest challenge to humanity
29 will be not overpopulation, which is a myth, but underpopulation. As the
30 population declines and ages, we will be increasingly hard-pressed to find
31 the people to do society's vital work in education, medicine, industry,
32 agriculture, law enforcement, and national defense.

33 (e) The state of Colorado should actively promote the benefits of
34 marriage and childbearing, as well as educate its population on the
35 dangers of the coming demographic winter and the cost of sacrificing our
36 children on the alter of convenience."

37 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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