

**HB25-1252, CDPHE regulation of abortion clinics:**

**I'm Lloyd Benes, representing myself, asking for YES on this bill.**

**In Colorado, second- and third-trimester abortion clinics should be regulated like other ambulatory surgical centers to ensure patient safety, & medical accountability. Dr. Warren Hern's scientific publication reveals that 70% are performed on healthy women with healthy babies (source=[tinyurl.com/yc8a2uzk](https://tinyurl.com/yc8a2uzk)). The Colorado CDPHE reports about 500 babies are aborted annually after 21 weeks. That is the age of viability when babies can survive if born prematurely. 22-week babies are being saved at UC Health University of Colorado Hospital (source=[tinyurl.com/t76jayzw](https://tinyurl.com/t76jayzw)).**

**Other outpatient surgical centers performing similarly invasive procedures are required to meet strict standards, including proper sterilization, adequate staffing, emergency preparedness, staff certifications, facility cleanliness, annual health inspections and requiring informed consent so women know what are the risks of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> trimester abortions. Abortion clinics should not be absolved from these basic medical regulations.**

**Exempting abortion clinics from high standards prioritizes abortion ideology over women's safety, leading to poor outcomes like the Nebraska couple's lawsuit against Dr. Warren Hern. Hern performed an abortion on Jennifer DeBuhr, near the end of her second trimester, resulting in complications, including a skull fragment lodged in her uterus. She was not informed of the risks, leading to the removal of her uterus and the loss of her ability to have children—no informed consent— (source=[tinyurl.com/yw8dhsbw](https://tinyurl.com/yw8dhsbw)).**

**The Feb 6, 2025, death in Ft Collins is not the only case of abortion ideology taking priority over women's safety in Colorado**

**Additionally, over 700 whistleblowers have left the abortion industry.— (source=[www.abortionworker.com](https://www.abortionworker.com)) This is dangerous for women, these former abortion workers provide a well-documented history of unhygienic and unsafe practices (sources=[tinyurl.com/2hsy7sur](https://tinyurl.com/2hsy7sur), [tinyurl.com/2e9mt4du](https://tinyurl.com/2e9mt4du), [tinyurl.com/yckfp5sr](https://tinyurl.com/yckfp5sr)).**

**In conclusion, regulating second- and third-trimester abortion clinics like other ambulatory centers is essential to avoid outcomes like Jennifer DeBuhr. Please Vote Yes on HB25-1252.**