



Written PROPONENT testimony for SB 297, AN ACT concerning abortion; revising the definition of abortion; excluding certain procedures from the definition; amending K.S.A. 40- 2,190, 65-4a01, 65-6701, 65-6723 and 65-6742 and repealing the existing sections.

To: Madam Chair Gossage and Committee Members

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Madam Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Lucrecia Nold and I am the Policy Specialist for the Kansas Catholic Conference. Where I represent the four Catholic Bishops of Kansas in all things public policy. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 297.

We support SB 297 for the clarity it provides to the citizens of Kansas. Ensuring the definition of abortion is consistent throughout all state statutes is important. It confirms all Kansans have the same understanding of the definition, which is important in the legislative process and when exercising their right to vote. This clarification is also beneficial to those creating and enforcing Kansas law. It guarantees everyone is referencing the same definition, regardless of which statutes they are looking at.

This revision to the definition of abortion is good policy. The Kansas Catholic Conference supports the revision and we ask you pass out SB 297 favorably.

Thank you for your consideration.

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