



**TAKE ACTION**  
**Call or email House**  
**Judiciary Committee**  
**members and tell them**  
**to vote NO on House Bills**  
**136, 140, 167, and 171**

## **This Week at the Montana Legislature**

January 17, 2021

### **Here We Go**

In the third week of Montana's 67th legislative session, we are already seeing four anti-abortion bills and two anti-trans bills speeding toward hearings in the House Judiciary Committee this week — and we need your help in fighting them!

Thankfully we are not alone in this fight. As the leader of the Montana Reproductive Rights Coalition, we partner with incredible organizations from around the state who share our commitment to fighting for sexual and reproductive health care:

[ACLU of Montana](#) | [All Families Healthcare](#) | [Blue Mountain Clinic](#) | [Bridgercare](#) | [Carol's List](#) | [Forward Montana](#) | [Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence](#) | [The Montana Racial Equity Project](#) | [Montana Women Vote](#) | Montanans for Choice | [National Association of Social Workers - Montana](#) | [National Organization for Women - Montana](#) | [Susan Wicklund Fund](#) | [Western Native Voice](#)

The Montana Reproductive Rights Coalition was founded with the singular purpose of protecting reproductive health. Our members hold an array of medical, legal, and economic expertise on the impacts of abortion access in Montana. This week as we fight those dangerous bills, we are proud to stand side-by-side with them.

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## Take Action This Week

Starting on Tuesday at 8am, the [House Judiciary Committee](#) will be hearing the four dangerous anti-abortion bills outlined below. We need you to call or email members and tell them to vote NO on these attacks on reproductive health care in Montana.

**Send elected officials in Montana a clear message: We stand with Planned Parenthood, and we won't go back.**

[Click here to send an electronic message to your legislators and the House Judiciary Committee urging them to vote NO on this extreme legislation.](#)

**Call the Montana legislative information desk to leave a message for the House Judiciary Committee by calling 406.444.4800.**

- **The office is staffed Monday through Friday 7:30AM-5:00PM.**
- **Here is a sample message:**
  - We all deserve access to health care based on our medical needs and doctor's best judgment. HB 136, HB 140, HB 167, and HB 171 are all dangerous attempts to interfere with the privacy and health care of Montanans. Every pregnancy is unique, and everyone must have the freedom to make decisions in consultation with their doctor that are best for their own unique circumstances. Politicians are not medical experts and this is not an area where politicians should be interfering.

**Text this link to three of your friends and ask them to send a message to their legislators, too! ([www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org/a/stophb136140167171](http://www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org/a/stophb136140167171))**

**Share your personal story.**

- [Fill out our electronic story form here](#) or contact Julia Maxon, Lead Grassroots Organizer at 406.561.7649 or email

at [julia.maxon@ppmontana.org](mailto:julia.maxon@ppmontana.org) if you have a personal story about abortion or accessing reproductive health care that you are interested in sharing to fight dangerous anti-choice legislation.

Interested in giving public comment in writing, virtually testifying, or have any other questions? Contact Julia, ([julia.maxon@ppmontana.org](mailto:julia.maxon@ppmontana.org))!

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## Bills We're Fighting This Week

**HB 136: Establish pain-capable unborn child protection act by Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), House District 22**, would ban abortions at 20 weeks, regardless of the health of the woman or fetus, and criminalize doctors who provide them. It would also potentially endanger women by letting courts decide whether or not to keep their names private.

**HB 140: Requiring the provision of information before performance of an abortion by Rep. Amy Regier (R), House District 6**, claims to provide women with more information, but ultimately seeks to shame and dissuade them from exercising their constitutional right to abortion.

**HB 167: Referendum to adopt the Montana Born-Alive Infant Protection Act by Rep. Matt Regier (R), House District 4**, uses inflammatory language to drive a false narrative and stigmatize abortion in Montana. As a referendum, it puts women's health and privacy up to a vote with the ultimate goal of banning abortion altogether.

**HB 171: Adopt the Montana Abortion-Inducing Drug Risk Protocol Act by Rep. Sharon Greef (R), House District 88**, would keep Montanans from accessing medication abortion, delaying access to health care and creating barriers to care — especially for those in rural areas.

**HB 112: Require interscholastic athletes to participate under sex assigned at birth by Rep. John Fuller (R), House District 8**, would ban transgender athletes from participating in sports in Montana public schools.

**HB 113: Provide for youth health protection act by Rep. John Fuller (R), House District 8**, would ban transgender minors from accessing gender-affirming medical treatment.

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## Submitting Bill Comments Virtually

Planning to testify on a bill? When you register to testify over Zoom, you will receive a confirmation email. You will then receive a *separate email* with Zoom link information a day or so ahead of the bill hearing. This will come from a legislative staff member so be sure to keep an eye on your inbox and spam folder for the email. [More information on testifying remotely can be found on the 'Have Your Say' webpage.](#)

Have questions? Want to know other ways to support sexual and reproductive health in Montana? Contact Julia Maxon at [julia.maxon@ppmontana.org](mailto:julia.maxon@ppmontana.org).

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