

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to House Bill 1537, authorizes an abortion to be performed when it is necessary to preserve the life of a pregnant woman. The measure also stipulates that it does not prohibit the sale, use, prescription, or administration of a contraceptive measure, drug, or chemical so long as it is not used, sold, prescribed, or administered with the specific intent to cause or induce an abortion or to prevent the implantation of a fertilized egg.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1537 modifies language pertaining to abortion restrictions by eliminating the term and definition of medical emergency and introducing additional provisions for individuals performing or attempting to perform abortions.

In addition, this measure clarifies the sale, use, prescription or administration of substances or devices to prevent pregnancy are not an affirmative defense to prosecution as long as the intent is not to induce an abortion. In its current form, this measure has no direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriation.

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Other Considerations

None.