

House Health Committee
SB 23 Opponent Testimony
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Chairman Merrin, Ranking Member Boyd and members of the House Health Committee. While I firmly believe that the choice to have an abortion is one that solely resides on the woman, I wanted to come before this committee and urge you to respect the bodily autonomy of women and share with you that twice, I supported and helped as much as I could my former partner's decision to get 2 abortions.

The first was a mutual decision regarding family planning. The second was a tubal pregnancy that would have killed both of them.

I have no regrets. In time, we had a baby girl who is 13 today.

I was proud of her strength in tough times and was happy to accompany.

Abortion is a right. It must be defended.

It is especially distasteful that so many men inject themselves into this debate.

A woman has the right to decide what to do with her body and I would have supported my partner's right to make that decision even had I disagreed.

Thank you.