



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/4/2022

File #: 22-1293

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Mike Wilson

Agenda Section: Initiated by Board Member

SUBJECT:

Resolution Support Access to Reproductive Health Services and California Proposition 1 - Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2022) (Supervisor Mike Wilson)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. ____ Supporting Access to Reproductive Health Services and California Proposition 1 - Right to Reproduction Freedom Amendment to the California Constitution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

DISCUSSION:

On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed 50 years of precedent by overturning *Roe v. Wade* in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The decision held that there is no constitutional right to abortion and returned the power to define abortion rights and restrictions to the states. Many states have passed, or are set to enact, laws that restrict, prohibit, and even criminalize abortion. The immediate impact of these new laws leaves individuals unable to safely access abortion and other healthcare services in those states, with a disparate impact on women of color and low-income women.

Proposition 1 would amend the California Constitution to establish a right to *reproductive freedom*, which is defined to include a right to an abortion and to choose or refuse contraceptives.

If passed, the Proposition 1 would add Section 1.1 to Article 1 of the California Constitution with the following text being added: "The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows the right to privacy or equal protection.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended action supports the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

1. California Prop 1 Ballot Measure Text
2. Resolution Supporting Access to Reproductive Health Services and Prop 1

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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