

Lehi could be Utah's next sanctuary city for the unborn

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(KUTV) — Lehi may become a sanctuary city for the unborn that seeks to protect all human life. The proclamation will be discussed during the Lehi City Council meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. If approved, the city would join a growing list of local Utah governments that have passed anti-abortion resolutions, including: [Riverton](#), [Highland](#) and [Utah County](#). This comes as new surveys from Utah action groups show overwhelming opposition to further restrictions on abortion. According to the survey, the majority (80%) of local participants said they support loosening the state's abortion laws or leaving them as is. Link: [Reproductive Rights Polling Executive Summary 2020-02-24](#) by [McKenzie Stauffer](#) on Scribd

The survey asked questions on issues of sex education, contraceptive access, abortion and Roe v. Wade.

KUTV2News did not commission or participate in this survey and could not verify its results or findings.

"In the last 45 years, Utah lawmakers have passed 30 restrictions on abortion access," Marina Lowe, a legislative and policy counsel with the ACLU of Utah, is quoted in a press release. "These include requirements that a woman wait 72 hours in order to 'think about her decision to terminate a pregnancy,' a requirement that a physician administer pain medication to a fetus, and various informed consent regulations."

"This survey data demonstrates Utahns overwhelmingly, to the tune of 80%, disagree with politicians that we need any new abortion restrictions, she said."

As a state, we have already placed so many obstacles in the path of women when it comes to exercising reproductive freedom. Our lawmakers should heed their constituents and focus their valuable and limited legislative days left this session on efforts to improve the health and well-being of Utahns rather than the pursuit of additional and mean-spirited abortion restrictions.

Utah lawmakers are currently considering a few proposals on abortions.

[Senate Bill 174](#), sponsored by Sen. Dan McCay (R-Riverton), would make [abortions illegal at any stage](#) of pregnancy, with a few exceptions: if the mother's life or health is in danger, cases of rape or incest, and if the fetus has a lethal defect or severe brain abnormality.

McCay released the following statement about the bill:

"It will basically say, if the Supreme Court upholds that abortions can be banned at the state level, then we will ban them. I believe it is absolutely important that we protect the sanctity of life. You cannot allow society to accept the killing of its unborn, you just can't."

[Senate Bill 67](#), sponsored by Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, passed the Utah Senate on Friday.

The bill would require medical clinics or hospitals to choose what happens to [fetal remains after an abortion](#) or miscarriage. It states legal cremation and burial are two options. Medical personnel would not be allowed to dispose of the fetal remains along with other medical waste. Health care facilities would also be required to discuss these options with patients. The third measure would require women to get an ultrasound before an abortion. [House Bill 34](#), sponsored by Rep. Steve Christiansen, would tell doctors to do the following: perform an ultrasound on the pregnant woman, describe the images produced by the ultrasound, make the heartbeat audible, if possible, and provide written confirmation to the pregnant woman stating that the doctor complied with the requirements.