

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 1434

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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Chidinma Oke

Texas resident

Fort Worth, TX

Let the bill be passed. We need safety for Texas women during labour and delivery

Megan Lee

Self

Houston, TX

Sexually abused women may not wish to have a pelvic exam, especially when pregnant and going into labor. As a labor and delivery nurse I have seen too many forced exams and desperately want to change that. In a healthy pregnancy with a women going into labor spontaneously, there is no indication for a pelvic examination to determine safety of labor.

Lana Giles, Dr.

Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse Midwives

McKinney, TX

As a women's health care provider, I ask you to vote for this bill in order to protect women's autonomy and privacy.

Ren Lewis

Self, Insurance Account Management

College Station, TX

I am against women being used for pelvic examinations while under anesthesia, as this is non-consensual and qualifies as sexual assault, border lining on rape.

Antonio Portillo

Self, Engineer

Kyle, TX

Pelvic examinations without informed consent is akin to rape

Sylett Strickland, Ms.

self-self employed

Allen, TX

Please restrict pelvic exams to those giving explicit consent to them and establish disciplinary procedures for those practitioners

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who do exams without explicit consent.

Piper Nelson, CPSO

SAFE

Austin, TX

SAFE strongly supports all means of consent for every single person for every single pelvic exam.

Marissa Strickland

Self

Pflugerville, TX

In favor of the proposal HB 1434.

Jesse Wilson

Self

College Station, TX

This is a monstrous and abominable practice. Limits absolutely need to be placed. Disciplinary action absolutely should be taken against doctors that do this without a patient's knowledge. It's sexual assault with an audience, and it is vile.

Jennifer Lundquist

Self, Software Engineer

Garland, TX

Pelvic examinations performed without consent of the patient are rape. This practice needs to be made illegal, and institutions and indubitably individuals that continue it should be prosecuted. Voting for this measure is a first step in the right direction.

Jenna Vaughan

self, technical writer

College Station, TX

Regardless of whether the person conducting the exam is a medical professional or a medical personnel in training, to perform unnecessary and invasive procedures without the express consent of the patient is unethical and a violation of patient autonomy and choice in their medical care. That this has to be outlined in a legal guideline is sickening.

Dinah Waranch

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Dallas, TX

I am a certified nurse midwife and a woman. Pelvic exams are extremely intimate and can feel very invasive. When following the scientific evidence and expert consensus, they are not commonly required. For instance unless there is pain or suspicion of gynecological need, they are no longer viewed as necessary elements of the well woman gynecological exam. So any provider performing them must be able to justify them as medically advised. Doing so without such need can be viewed as assault. I therefore support this bill wholeheartedly.

Joellen Peters

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Self, clinical psychologist

Austin, TX

Please pass HB 1434 to provide more accessible health care options for Texas families!!

Luisa Moeller

self, nurse

Weatherford, TX

This is crucial, especially given the sensitive and invasive nature of the exams. There is no acceptable rationale for violating a patients rights or person, least of all student training. Please support this bill, we all deserve informed consent.

Chelsea Wolfington

Self, birth doula

Denton, TX

I support this bill.

Cheryl Gaspard, CPM, LM

Self - Texas Licensed Midwife

Arlington, TX

Texans have a right to informed consent for any procedure. We have a right to bodily autonomy at all times, and especially when we are in the vulnerable position of trusting our healthcare providers to protect us when we are unconscious or otherwise unable to consent. As a survivor of sexual assault, the thought that when I am unconscious for a medically necessary procedure, my body could be violated and used without my consent and for no benefit to myself is horrifying. That is medical rape. Consent does not end at the OR doors.

Krystal Brown, CNM

CTCNM

Allen, TX

Certified nurse midwives should not be limited on pelvic examinations. We are trained and are fully capable to work without limitations within our scope of training.

Leslie Geick

self

Mansfield, TX

There should be consequences and clearly defined actions to take when someone is violated during a pelvic exam. INFORMED CONSENT MATTERS