

HR 8296

Women's Health Protection Act of 2022

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jul 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 7, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1224	Procedurally related	Jul 13, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 4132	Related bill	May 11, 2022: Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49 - 51. Record Vote Number: 170. (CR S2439)
117 HR 3755	Related bill	Feb 28, 2022: Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 46 - 48. Record Vote Number: 65. (CR S826)
117 S 1975	Related bill	Jun 8, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill prohibits governmental restrictions on the provision of, and access to, abortion services.

Specifically, governments may not limit a provider's ability to

- prescribe certain drugs,
- offer abortion services via telemedicine, or
- immediately provide abortion services when the provider determines a delay risks the patient's health.

Furthermore, governments may not require a provider to

- perform unnecessary medical procedures,
- provide medically inaccurate information,
- comply with credentialing or other conditions that do not apply to providers whose services are medically comparable to abortions, or
- carry out all services connected to an abortion.

In addition, governments may not (1) require patients to make medically unnecessary in-person visits before receiving abortion services or disclose their reasons for obtaining such services, or (2) prohibit abortion services before fetal viability or after fetal viability when a provider determines the pregnancy risks the patient's life or health.

The bill also prohibits other governmental measures that are similar to the bill's specified restrictions or that otherwise single out and impede access to abortion services, unless a government demonstrates that the measure significantly advances the safety of abortion services or health of patients and cannot be achieved through less restrictive means.

The Department of Justice, individuals, or providers may bring a lawsuit to enforce this bill, and states are not immune from suits for violations.

The bill applies to restrictions imposed both prior and subsequent to the bill's enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 18, 2022:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 15, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1224. (consideration: CR H6631-6647)
- **Jul 15, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7900, S. 3373, H.R. 8296, H.R. 8297 and H.R. 6538 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Jul 15, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 8296.
- **Jul 15, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jul 15, 2022:** Mrs. Fischbach moved to recommit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H6646-6647)
- **Jul 15, 2022:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Jul 15, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 8296, the Chair put the question on the Fischbach motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Fischbach demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Jul 15, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6660-6661)
- **Jul 15, 2022:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 209 - 218 (Roll no. 359).
- **Jul 15, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 210 (Roll no. 360).
- **Jul 15, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 210 (Roll no. 360). (text: CR H6631-6634)
- **Jul 15, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 13, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1224 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7900, S. 3373, H.R. 8296, H.R. 8297 and H.R. 6538 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Jul 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 7, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.