



Heal Without Harm

ETHICAL RESEARCH COALITION

The Heal Without Harm Coalition, comprised of Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Action, Pro-Life Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Right to Life, has learned that LRB-1927/1 (sale and research on fetal body parts) is being circulated for co-sponsorship. After an initial review, the HWH Coalition has serious concerns regarding the proposal and urges legislators to refrain from co-sponsorship.

As drafted, LRB-1927/1 would continue to allow the use of fetal body parts from aborted children in this state. There are numerous exemptions in the draft that would allow entities, government authorities (i.e. universities and clinics), non-profit procurement businesses, the pharmaceutical industry, and others to evade prohibitions on the sale and use of these aborted baby parts.

Given these serious concerns, the limited time for reflection on co-sponsorship, the complex and ambiguous nature of the bill's provisions, and the numerous questions regarding the bill's effect and impact, we urge legislators not to sign on as sponsors at this time, but instead to seek clarification from the bill's authors regarding these numerous concerns.

The HWH Coalition was not consulted on this draft language. However, the Coalition has been working closely on a package of proposals that would end the sale and use of abortion-derived baby body parts, while also promoting ethical alternatives in research. Legislators are urged to contact the Coalition for information regarding this package of proposals.

It is vital that Wisconsin forward legislation that truly ends the trafficking and exploitation of aborted children.

Heal Without Harm is a coalition of organizations and citizens dedicated to working with the scientific community to encourage it toward ethical research. The coalition is composed of member organizations, including: Wisconsin Right to Life, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Action and Pro-Life Wisconsin, among others.

