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SUMMARY

Prohibits performance of late-term sex-selective abortion.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to sex-selective abortions; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas sex-selective abortions are abortions performed solely because of the known or suspected sex of an unborn child; and

Whereas sex-selective abortions are often performed because of personal or cultural preferences for male children over female children, and not because of any clear or imminent danger to the life of the mother; and

Whereas scholarly research has demonstrated that sex-selective abortions are discriminatory, as females are aborted in such procedures at a disproportionately higher rate than are males; and

Whereas Oregonians strongly believe in gender equality; and

Whereas sex-selective abortions deprive unborn children of their natural rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as described in the Declaration of Independence and as protected by the United States Constitution; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “late-term sex-selective abortion” means an abortion performed during the third trimester of pregnancy and undertaken solely because of the known or suspected sex of the unborn child.

(2) A person may not perform a late-term sex-selective abortion in

1 **this state.**

2 **SECTION 2. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
3 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
4 **clared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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