

Senate Substitute for House Bill 2115 Veto Message from the Governor

Kansas' current law concerning abortion was passed more than a decade ago and strikes a reasonable balance on a very difficult issue. I support the current law and believe that an annual legislative battle over the issue is not in the public's best interest.

My view is that all abortions are tragedies, which is why I would encourage women who have unwanted pregnancies to consult with their partners, families, doctors and spiritual advisors. I would not encourage women to consult with state legislators, as this is a private decision and should not be dictated by public officials.

Therefore, with respect to people on both sides of the issue, pursuant to Article 2, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, I veto S. Sub HB 2115.

Vetoed

April 15, 2010

Signed

Mark Parkinson