

Abriona Markham

Private citizen

HB 2062

Written Only

Opponent

2/26/0025

Abriona Markham, Shawnee County

I am a doula and community advocate working directly with pregnant individuals and families in Shawnee County.

Child support exists to ensure that a child in a single-parent home has the financial resources of a two-parent household. It is designed to support the well-being of a living child, not to create legal obligations before a child is even born. There are already many misconceptions about child support, and this bill only adds to that confusion.

Beyond the practical and legal concerns, this bill could have harmful consequences for pregnant individuals. It opens the door to increased surveillance and control over pregnancy, potentially leading to legal battles over pregnancy outcomes and even coercion regarding personal medical decisions. Additionally, conception is not always straightforward to determine, and enforcing financial obligations from that point could create unnecessary legal disputes, stress, and hardship for both parents before the child is even born.

If the goal is to support pregnant individuals and families, lawmakers should focus on policies that provide real, tangible benefits—such as increased access to healthcare, paid parental leave, and financial assistance during pregnancy. These measures would do far more to ensure healthy pregnancies and stable families than an unnecessary and burdensome expansion of child support laws.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 2062. Thank you for hearing my thoughts on this bill. Thank you committee for your time and consideration.

