

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 and 12 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill 3284. While I support reasonable restrictions on abortion, this legislation has numerous flaws. As with previous abortion bills I have vetoed, HB 3284 lacks an essential exemption for rape and incest victims. By forcing them to submit to a personally invasive questionnaire and posting the answers on a state website, this legislation will only increase the trauma of an already traumatic event. Victims of such horrific acts should be treated with dignity and respect in such situations, as should all people. Requiring patients to publicly reveal highly intimate and personal details of their lives to obtain a medical procedure protected by this nation's highest court constitutes an unconstitutional invasion of privacy and barrier to legal medical treatment. If it were to become law, HB 3284 would be challenged in court and result in an expensive and potentially futile legal battle for the state. Because of these many flaws, this legislation is not in the best interest of the state of Oklahoma

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