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[Women's Health Advocates Applaud the Decision to Pull SB 1387](#)

Today, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest celebrates a victory for women in Idaho. Senate Bill 1387 was pulled, which would have required women, regardless of circumstance, to face a mandatory ultrasound prior to receiving an abortion.

“We applaud those members of the legislature who stood against SB 1387 and government intrusion into private medical decisions,” said Hannah Brass, Legislative Director of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest in Idaho. “The public made it clear that no matter where in the state they live and no matter where on the political spectrum they are, the government mandating an ultrasound for political and not medical reasons is the very definition of government intrusion.”

Anti-choice activists have already stated they wish to bring the bill back up next year, but women’s health advocates wish to remind legislators that private medical decisions do not belong in the exam room, and that any attempt to place such decisions in the hands of politicians will be met with opposition.

“This is a victory for the women of Idaho,” said Hannah Brass, Legislative Director of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest. “Women’s health care is no place for a political battleground.”

Concerns with the bill included the lack of exemptions for medical emergencies, rape and incest victims, as well as potential violations to Idaho’s medical consent statutes.

Earlier in the year, Idaho legislators also proposed a bill that would have allowed any employer to not offer coverage of contraception for whatever reason, which also received fierce opposition. That bill, too—HB 530—is dead in session.

“Now the legislature can return to spending the rest of the session focusing on the issues that matter most to Idahoans, such as jobs and education,” said Brass. “Women, and men, in Idaho are watching and voting to ensure lawmakers know that this sort of mandate, which demeans and shames women, is not OK—now or ever.”

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