

**2023 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 1140**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1140  
1/17/2023

Relating to sexual reproductive imposition; and to provide a penalty.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 10:53 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich. All present.

### **Discussion Topics:**

- DNA Testing
- Obstruction of justice
- Sperm donors

Rep. Satrom introduced HB 1140 with supportive testimony (#13265).

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

*Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1140  
1/31/2023

Relating to sexual reproductive imposition; and to provide a penalty.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 3:25 PM

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich. Rep. Jayme Davis not present.

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Work
- Committee Vote

Representative Anderson moved a DO PASS on HB 1140

Representative Ruby seconds motion

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	AB
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Brandon Prichard	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y

Motion carries 13-0-1.

Bill carrier: Representative Frelich

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 3:28 PM

*Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk By: Leah Kuball*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1140: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1140 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2023 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 1140**

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Human Services Committee**  
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1140  
3/7/2023

Relating to sexual reproductive imposition; and to provide a penalty.
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11:13 AM **Madam Chair Lee** called the hearing to order. **Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston, Hogan** are present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Penalty
- Reproductive sperm

11:15 AM **Representative Satrom**, introduced HB 1140 testified in favor verbally.

11:18 AM **Madam Chair Lee** adjourned the hearing.

*Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Human Services Committee**  
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1140  
3/22/2023

Relating to sexual reproductive imposition; and to provide a penalty.
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5:04 PM **Madam Chair Lee** called the meeting to order. Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston are present. Senator Hogan was absent.

### Discussion Topics:

- Penalty on sexual reproductive

**Senator Lee** calls for discussion.

**Senator Cleary** moved **DO PASS**.

**Senator Weston** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

<b>Senators</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	AB
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

The motion passed 5-0-1.

**Senator Weston** will carry HB 1140.

5:12 PM **Madam Chair Lee** adjourned the meeting.

*Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1140: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1140 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.



**TESTIMONY**

**HB 1140**

REP BERNIE SATROM

HB1140

Good morning Chairman and committee. For the record my name is Bernie Satrom and I serve the great people of District 12 of Jamestown and NE Stutsman County.

Today I bring before you HB1140 for your consideration. Several months ago I was watching The Netflix movie "Our Father" about a Fertility Specialist from Indiana who did a lot of Artificial Insemination as part of his fertility practice. Rather than using the donor or husband's sperm he used his own and over the course of time fathered around 90 children. This whole thing came about due to a DNA test and people discovered that they had siblings.

The investigation started in 2015 but the attorney general declined to prosecute because "there is no law forbidding Cline's Conduct." He ultimately pleaded guilty to 2 Level 6 felony counts. Not for what he had done but for obstruction of justice. He ultimately received a \$500 fine and a 1 year suspended sentence.

I mentioned that the attorney declined to prosecute because there was no law forbidding that conduct. Since then Indiana has changed its laws. So I thought.

What about North Dakota? I contacted Legislative Council and discovered we did not have a law forbidding it here either. And that is why I bring this before you.

Thank you for your time. I would stand for any questions