



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 676**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 5, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 676 intends to ensure that a woman's consent to an elective abortion is on that is better informed. The bill ensures that the woman seeking the abortion be provided with necessary information regarding certain medical risks associated with abortion and the availability of free ultrasounds at other facilities within the community. The bill further provides that a woman be informed of her ability to request the performance of an ultrasound, viewable by the woman, by the performing physician at least one hour prior to the abortion. These provisions are intended to ensure that the sufficiency of medical information conveyed between physician and patient in the abortion context approaches the gravity of the act.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Tony Fulton**