

Lloyd Benes, 03/09/2026. YES on HB26-1243; **“CDPHE Regulation of Abortion Clinics”**

My name is Lloyd Benes, representing myself. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I urge a “Yes” vote on this Bill because abortion clinics in Colorado currently operate with no inspections, or safety standards, creating unnecessary risks for women. I have obtained the 911 emergency-call records to the Planned Parenthood clinic at 825 South Shields Street in Fort Collins. In 2025, 7 emergency ambulance calls were made for women who had to be transported to Poudre Valley Hospital as shown by this list:

Apparatus Resource Dispatch Date Time (FD18.3)	Basic Incident Full Address
01/04/2025 09:15:01	825 South Shields Street 8 FORT COLLINS CO 80521
01/04/2025 09:15:01	825 South Shields Street 8 FORT COLLINS CO 80521
02/06/2025 11:17:11	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
02/06/2025 11:17:11	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
02/20/2025 11:10:21	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
02/20/2025 11:10:21	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
04/03/2025 08:33:03	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
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05/15/2025 11:28:38	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
05/15/2025 11:29:51	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
05/16/2025 11:06:54	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
05/16/2025 11:06:54	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
05/16/2025 11:08:52	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
09/03/2025 13:29:00	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
09/03/2025 13:31:16	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521
09/03/2025 13:32:35	825 South Shields Street FORT COLLINS CO 80521

Five of these incidents are under investigation. In the first case, the woman had a perforated uterus. In the second case the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) opened an investigation into the death of an 18-year-old girl who died on Feb 6, 2025 following an abortion that day ([link=tinyurl.com/18yearolddeath](https://tinyurl.com/18yearolddeath)).

Members of this committee: think of a young woman in your life — a daughter, niece, or granddaughter. Would you want her treated in a facility with zero safety requirements, where so many patients have required emergency hospitalization? Or would you want her to receive care in a clinic that meets the same inspection and safety standards required of other ambulatory medical facilities? I have with me the eight pages of health and safety regulations required for tattoo establishments in Colorado (see link at tinyurl.com/tattooparlors8)

By contrast, here are the regulations for second- and third-trimester abortion clinics: a blank sheet of paper, because no such requirements exist.

If you are a legislator who says “abortion is healthcare,” then you are obligated to support this Bill. All healthcare surgical clinics in Colorado are required to meet CDPHE safety standards. Voting against this Bill would prove you do not truly believe abortion is healthcare.

Please align your vote with your stated principles and support this Bill.