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Kansas House Sends Anti-Abortion Bill To Senate

The Kansas House has approved a bill designed to prevent the state from subsidizing abortions even indirectly through tax breaks, but the measure's future in the Senate appears uncertain.

The bill was adopted by an 88-31 vote on Monday in the House. It would prohibit Kansas taxpayers from claiming abortion expenses under a deduction for medical costs when filing their income taxes.

It also would deny tax breaks to abortion providers, such as an exemption to the sales tax that nonprofit groups claim when purchasing goods. The measure also prohibits state employees from performing abortions on state property or state time.

The House has a strong anti-abortion majority. Abortion opponents also appear to have a majority in the Senate, but that chamber hasn't reviewed the legislation.

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