**PROP 1’s IMPACT ON TAXPAYERS**

**Unlike current California law, which guarantees abortion rights with reasonable limits on late-term abortions, Prop 1 is an extreme proposal that removes these limits, allowing abortions for any reason, at any time up to the moment of birth, even if the baby is healthy and the mother is in no danger.**

**California already spends millions on abortion funding, and Prop 1 will drive these costs even higher**

* This year's state budget deal dedicated $205 million to reproductive health care infrastructure and to ensure people seeking abortions can get to clinics.1
* The agreement earmarked $40 million in one-time funds to subsidize the cost of providing abortions to low-income or uninsured patients, including [those who come from out-of-state](https://calmatters.org/health/2022/06/abortion-data-california/). 1
* While these monies are NOT a part of Prop 1, the constitutional amendment will not only expand California's existing abortion law to include late-term, third trimester abortions, but add to California's "abortion sanctuary" status, attracting thousands more abortion-seekers from other states.3
* Prop 1 supporters have already warned that this new funding may not be enough:

*"We've been really clear that there are a lot of unknowns and   
we may have to come back to the State Legislature at some   
  
point and request additional funds just depending on how it pans out,"   
ACCESS Reproductive Justice Executive Director Pinckney said.*2

**Prop 1 will increase demand, significantly increasing costs for California taxpayers**

* According to a [recent UCLA analysis](https://law.ucla.edu/sites/default/files/PDFs/Center_on_Reproductive_Health/California_Abortion_Estimates.pdf), an estimated 10,600 additional people will come to California each year for abortion care.3
* Medical academics at UC San Francisco, UCLA and other hospitals are arranging to serve more high-risk patients with complex medical conditions who can no longer get care in their home state. They’re bracing to see women with late-term pregnancies.3
* According to a review of online clinics across the country, including Planned Parenthood websites, late-term abortions can cost anywhere from $2,000 to $35,000 per procedure, depending on length of gestation, method, hospital stay and complications, with California taxpayers often footing the bill.
* In addition, late-term abortions significantly increase the mother's risk of pre-term births in future pregnancies. Pre-term births are associated with extremely high neonatal costs, which drive up health care costs — and thus health insurance costs — across the board.
* Annually in North Carolina, for example, abortion is associated with 262 very preterm births (VPB) — with $46 million in initial neonatal hospital costs attributable to these abortion-related VPB births.4

**Prop 1 will unleash a torrent of costly, time-consuming lawsuits**

* According to research fellows at UC Berkeley's California Constitution Center5, Prop 1 is so poorly drafted that it will face numerous lawsuits and court challenges and "will leave future courts with a conundrum" — leaving its fate subject to judicial interpretation.
* While specific in allowing abortions without limitation, Prop 1’s wording is legally vague when it says “the state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose [abortion or contraception] ...”
* But Prop 1 fails to specify what other “intimate decisions” may not be denied. This vagueness will unleash a torrent of costly lawsuits demanding the broadest possible interpretation — meaning judges and the courts, not the people or their elected representatives, will have the final say, with taxpayers paying the price.  
    
  1 <https://calmatters.org/politics/2022/06/california-budget-deal-2/>  
  2 <https://www.kqed.org/news/11918170/California-fails-to-collect-basic-abortion-data>  
  3 <https://www.mercurynews.com/2022/07/03/rush-to-california-out-of-state-patients-surge-to-abortion-sanctuary-state/>  
  4 https://www.ncfamily.org/abortions-impact-of-prematurity/  
  5 http://scocablog.com/fix-the-fatal-flaw-in-sca-10/