

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2253	House Committee:	<b>PASSED 1/29/26 (12-5)</b>
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### Pregnant Female

- This bill changes references in Iowa Code from “pregnant person” to “pregnant female”.
- Female is defined in Iowa Code as “an individual who has, had, will have through the course of normal development, or would have but for a developmental anomaly, genetic anomaly, or accident, a reproductive system that at some point produces ova.”
- Iowa Code does utilize “pregnant minor” and “pregnant woman” in other sections.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 (Iowa Code 707.7)

Changes “pregnant person” to “pregnant female” in the feticide code section.

#### Sections 2 and 3 (Iowa Code 707.8)

Changes “pregnant person” to “pregnant female” in the nonconsensual termination – serious injury to a human pregnancy code section.

#### Section 4 (Iowa Code 708.2)

Changes “pregnant person” to “pregnant female” in the penalties for assault code section.