

ABSTRACT

In the study of gender political economy, gender differences produce preferences for certain issues. Women's gender involvement in politics has the potential to influence public policy decisions, especially in terms of budgeting. This study empirically investigates the effect of women's representation on welfare budget allocations, namely the education, health, and social protection sectors. This study includes panel data from 508 districts and cities across Indonesia from 2017 to 2023. Using the Generalized Linear Mixed Method (GLMM) and beta distribution, this study analyzes the influence of female politicians on the allocation of welfare budgets between districts and cities in Indonesia in a more proportional manner. The results show that there is a significant influence of female DPRD members on welfare budget allocation. While at the executive level, female regional heads have more restrictions in allocating the budget which is reflected by the insignificant result.

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