

ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis minimnya keterwakilan perempuan dalam lembaga legislatif Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah (DPRD) Kabupaten Padang Lawas Utara periode 2024-2029. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif deskriptif dengan menganalisis faktor-faktor yang menyebabkan rendahnya representasi perempuan di lembaga legislatif tersebut. Secara teoritis, penelitian ini dibangun di atas tiga kerangka pemikiran utama. Pertama, teori politik gender digunakan untuk membedah bagaimana konstruksi sosial budaya patriarki menempatkan perempuan pada posisi subordinat dalam ranah politik, serta bagaimana peran ganda perempuan di ranah domestik dan publik memengaruhi keterlibatan politiknya. Kedua, teori legislatif digunakan untuk menjelaskan fungsi dan peran lembaga legislatif sebagai representasi kepentingan masyarakat, termasuk kepentingan kelompok perempuan, serta bagaimana komposisi keanggotaan legislatif memengaruhi kualitas representasi tersebut. Ketiga, teori keterwakilan politik perempuan digunakan sebagai pisau analisis utama untuk mengukur sejauh mana keterwakilan deskriptif (jumlah keterwakilan) maupun keterwakilan substantif (kualitas representasi kepentingan perempuan) telah terpenuhi di DPRD Kabupaten Padang Lawas Utara. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa minimnya keterwakilan perempuan di DPRD Kabupaten Padang Lawas Utara disebabkan oleh beberapa faktor, di antaranya masih kuatnya budaya patriarki yang membatasi ruang gerak politik perempuan, beban peran ganda yang ditanggung perempuan antara tanggung jawab domestik dan aktivitas politik, serta rendahnya kaderisasi dan pendidikan politik bagi perempuan di internal partai politik. Kondisi ini berimplikasi pada belum optimalnya perwujudan keadilan gender yang representatif secara politik, di mana kepentingan dan aspirasi perempuan belum sepenuhnya terakomodasi dalam proses pengambilan kebijakan di tingkat daerah.

Kata Kunci: keterwakilan perempuan, lembaga legislatif, politik gender, DPRD, Padang Lawas Utara

ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the minimal representation of women in the legislative body of the Regional People's Representative Council (DPRD) of North Padang Lawas Regency for the 2024-2029 period. This research employs a descriptive qualitative approach to examine the factors contributing to the low representation of women in this legislative institution. Theoretically, this study is built upon three main frameworks. First, gender political theory is used to examine how the socio-cultural construction of patriarchy positions women in a subordinate role within the political sphere, and how women's dual roles in the domestic and public domains affect their political participation. Second, legislative theory is used to explain the function and role of the legislative body as a representation of public interests, including the interests of women, as well as how the composition of legislative membership affects the quality of that representation. Third, the theory of women's political representation serves as the primary analytical tool to measure the extent to which both descriptive representation (numerical presence) and substantive representation (the quality of representing women's interests) have been fulfilled in the DPRD of North Padang Lawas Regency. The results indicate that the minimal representation of women in the DPRD of North Padang Lawas Regency is caused by several factors, including the persistence of patriarchal culture that restricts women's political mobility, the burden of dual roles borne by women between domestic responsibilities and political activities, and the low level of political cadre-building and political education for women within political parties. These conditions imply that gender justice in the form of political representation has not been optimally realized, as women's interests and aspirations have not been fully accommodated in the policy-making process at the regional level.

Keywords: *women's representation, legislative institution, gender politics, DPRD, North Padang Lawas*