



OREGON HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Press Contacts:

Hannah Kurowski, hannah.kurowski@oregonlegislature.gov
Danny Moran, danny.moran@oregonlegislature.gov

Fact Sheet: Actions to expand abortion access in Oregon

In Oregon, we believe access to abortion shouldn't depend on who you are or where you live. Oregon voters have repeatedly voted to protect safe, legal and accessible abortions and reproductive healthcare across the state. Strong pro-choice leaders in the Legislature and the Governor's office have passed some of the strongest abortion access laws in the country—laws that have already served as a model for other states.

In fact, Oregon does not have any of the major types of abortion restrictions—such as waiting periods, mandated parental involvement or limitations on publicly funded abortions—often found in other states.

Now, we're committed to further expanding access and protections to abortion. As the Supreme Court looks to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Oregon is prepared to continue to provide legal, accessible, and safe abortions. Oregon could experience a potential 234% increase in people traveling to the state.

2017: Reproductive Health Equity Act

Oregon Democrats pass the Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA), one of the strongest abortion access laws in the country, codifying *Roe v. Wade* into state law and making the full range of reproductive health care services more accessible and affordable for all Oregonians. The result of a diverse, statewide coalition, RHEA requires health insurance plans to cover a full range of services at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient, including STI screenings, contraception, certain cancer screenings, IUD insertion, vasectomies, postpartum care, and abortion care. It also prohibits discrimination in coverage or delivery of care based on gender, sexual orientation, race, disability or immigration status. Through SB 250 (2019), the Legislature further directs the Oregon Health Authority to implement a program to support Oregonians impacted by health plans who are exempt from RHEA due to religious tenets.

2022: \$15 Million Reproductive Health Equity Fund

To close existing gaps in reproductive health care access and in preparation for an increase of people seeking abortion care, Oregon Democrats establish the Reproductive Health Equity Fund, a \$15 million investment to expand provider network capacity and address urgent patient needs for abortion funds and practical support, like travel and lodging.

2022: Reproductive Health & Access to Care Work Group

In response to the anticipated *Dobbs* decision from the U.S. Supreme Court, Speaker Dan Rayfield forms a work group of providers, clinics, community organizations, and legislators to make policy, budget and administrative recommendations to protect, strengthen, and expand equitable access to reproductive and gender-affirming care. Recommendations may also include protections for populations being targeted by the wave of anti-bodily autonomy, anti-LGBTQ+, and anti-provider legislation in other states.