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Oregon House Democrats Announce Efforts to Protect Abortion Access Ahead of 2026 Session

Impacts from HR 1 threaten to limit abortion access across the country, including Oregon

SALEM, Ore. – Following the passage of a federal budget bill aiming to defund Planned Parenthood across the country, House Democrats announced today that they will create a workgroup to support abortion access in Oregon. The announcement comes shortly after the [First Circuit ruled against Planned Parenthood](#) in their suit to receive funding for treating Medicaid patients.

The legislative workgroup includes House members Majority Leader Ben Bowman, Rep. Andrea Valderrama, Rep. April Dobson, and Rep. Sue Rieke-Smith. Senate members include Sen. Deb Patterson and Sen. Winsvey Campos. The workgroup will also include representatives from Oregon Planned Parenthood affiliates.

“The Trump Administration and the Republican Party are trying to strip away access to abortion. We will not let that happen in Oregon,” said **House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger, S Beaverton)**. “Planned Parenthood is a critical provider of health care in this state and we will fight to protect them from these attacks.”

The group will look at policy and funding options for ensuring access to abortion care in Oregon after funding is stripped by HR 1, the federal budget bill. The focus will be on how to continue to provide equitable access to reproductive health care for Oregonians and how to protect doctors when anti-abortion states try to prosecute them for providing legal care.

“By ending Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood, the Trump Administration is once again targeting the poorest and most vulnerable among us,” said **Senator Campos (D-Beaverton & Aloha)**. “Planned Parenthood centers provide crucial healthcare services to millions of people across the country and across the political spectrum, and should not be penalized for meeting the needs of patients.”

“Access to abortion and gender-affirming care are fundamental rights,” said **Representative Andrea Valderrama (D-Outer East Portland)**. “Our state has a responsibility to safeguard these rights for all patients and ensure doctors get the resources they need to provide comprehensive reproductive healthcare services.”

Once concluded, the workgroup will present a report of its findings and legislative recommendations on how to further protect abortion access in Oregon for consideration in the 2026 legislative session.

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