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50th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*: Senate Democrats Commit to Advancing Reproductive Freedom in Oregon

SALEM, Ore - On the 50th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision and nearly a year after news first broke that the U.S. Supreme Court would be making the extraordinary move to overturn it, Oregon Senate Democrats are committing to advancing reproductive freedom in Oregon.

“Every Oregonian should get to choose when and how they start or grow their family,” **said Majority Leader Kate Lieber**. “The decision whether or not to have an abortion is deeply personal, and politicians have no right to make that choice for anyone.”

“Abortion bans and restricting access to reproductive care will not prevent wealthy, urban people from getting the help they need. They will make life harder for young people, people of color, people with disabilities, people in rural areas, and anyone who can’t afford to take time off work and travel to another state,” **said Senator Winsvey Campos**.

“Access to abortion and reproductive care are essential to the health, safety, and prosperity of our communities. With threats to these services being enacted around the country, Oregon must continue to be a leader for reproductive freedom,” **said Senator Deb Patterson**.

While abortion remains legal here in Oregon, restrictions in other states could send Americans with means fleeing to Oregon for reproductive health care. Twelve states, including Idaho, [enacted bans](#) immediately after the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision, and state legislatures across the country are currently considering [more anti-choice bills](#), including extreme [restrictions on contraception](#).

At the national level, Republicans in Congress are already [pursuing anti-choice legislation](#) and have proposed a [15-week abortion ban](#) that would impact Oregonians.

In 2023, Senate Democrats will strive to follow up on the [recommendations from the Reproductive Health and Access to Care Work Group](#), including efforts to:

- Improve access to care in medically underserved regions of the state.
- Build up the health care workforce and expand opportunities for continued learning.
- Protect individuals located in Oregon from criminal and civil liability for receiving, supporting, or providing reproductive and gender-affirming care.
- Close gaps in insurance coverage for patients.
- Invest in patient and consumer education and outreach.
- Protect Oregonians from misleading and biased medical claims by crisis pregnancy centers.
- Expand existing rights to access health services.

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