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DO YOUR JOB, DAY 3: Will Senate Republicans Do Their Jobs or Ignore the Constitution?

Oregon Judge told Senate Republicans to get back to work

SALEM, Ore - Yesterday, a Marion County Circuit Court judge [denied an attempt](#) by anti-abortion advocates and House and Senate Republicans to bar legislation protecting abortion rights ([House Bill 2002](#)) from moving forward. Today, Oregon Senate Republicans have a choice: listen to the Courts and come back to work or ignore Oregonians and the [constitutional amendment they passed just last year](#). The Oregon Senate convenes at 12:00 PM.

"Oregon voters were clear. Now, a judge has weighed in. It's time for Oregon Senate Republicans to do their jobs," **said Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D – Beaverton & SW Portland)**. "It should bother all Oregonians that Republicans are threatening to violate a constitutional amendment their constituents just approved – all to deny Oregonians access to abortion."

In response to [repeated Republican efforts to derail the work of the state legislature](#) by walking out on the job, the people of Oregon passed [Measure 113](#) by [more than a 2-to-1 margin](#). A majority of voters in every single state Senate district supported the measure.

This measure "creates a constitutional ban on holding state legislative office, for one term, if a state Senator or Representative is absent without excuse ten or more times from floor sessions during any one legislative session."

The Reproductive Health and Access to Care bill (HB 2002) protects Oregonians' right to abortion, expands access to care in underserved areas, and requires insurance to cover medically-necessary care. The right to abortion is [supported by an overwhelming majority of Oregonians](#): 72%.

"Democrats are here. We're continuing to do our jobs and deliver for the people of Oregon," **Lieber said.**

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