

FAIR SHOT 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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FOR ALL

REPRODUCTIVE & GENDER JUSTICE

Being able to make decisions about our own bodies is central to our freedom. Access to the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender affirming health care is a basic human right. No judge, politician, or ban should ever block someone from making personal medical decisions or determining the course of their life.

The Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade and nearly 50 years of precedent has eliminated the federal constitutional right to abortion and set a dangerous precedent for who has the authority to make decisions for us about our bodies. At the same time, states across the nation are taking steps to ban and restrict access to gender-affirming care, denying transgender and gender-expansive people life-saving medical care.

These decisions go against the will of the people: These decisions go against the will of the people: 80% of Americans believe that abortion should be legal. And make no mistake — this decision goes far beyond abortion. **Nothing is safe — from birth control to marriage equality, this court, backed by super rich politicians and donors, is trying to control our bodies, lives, and futures in a desperate attempt to retain wealth and power for an elite few.**



BIG PICTURE OVERVIEW

We cannot achieve racial, economic, and gender justice for all without every person having the rights, resources, and recognition to control their bodies, lives, and futures. The courts don't decide our fate, we do. Together, we will create a future in which every person in Oregon has the ability to make decisions about their own body and access the full range of reproductive, sexual, and gender-affirming health care.



ABOUT FAIR SHOT FOR ALL

Our work as a coalition is centered on ideas and input from those both historically and currently bearing the burden of Oregon's broken systems and the COVID-19 pandemic. Our ideas work for the state as a whole because they work for those of us who are most impacted.

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OREGON IS NOT IMMUNE TO ATTACKS ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS & HUMAN RIGHTS.

A state agency audit found every insurance carrier subject to the Reproductive Health Equity Act were not in compliance with the law's coverage mandates and were imposing cost-sharing for services that should have been fully covered. Furthermore:

- **78% of Oregon counties** currently do not have an abortion provider
- There are **half as many abortion providers today** in Oregon than there were in 1980
- Eastern Oregonians are estimated to experience a **35% decrease in access to sexual and reproductive health care** as a result of Idaho's abortion ban
- The Guttmacher Institute estimates that Oregon could see a potential **234% increase in out-of-state patients** as states move to ban abortion.

WE CREATE CRISES WHEN WE DENY PEOPLE GENDER AFFIRMING CARE.

Multiple studies have shown that providing gender affirming care is life-saving by dramatically reducing depression and suicidal ideation. According to the 2015 United States Transgender Survey (USTS), the largest survey of the TNB population to date:

- **39% of respondents reported severe psychological distress, in comparison with 5% of the general population.**
- 23% of respondents avoided seeking healthcare due to fear of mistreatment within the past year
- 25% experienced a coverage denial or other barrier to care related to being TNB in the past year. Comparatively, other studies have found between 11 and 24% of coverage denials among the general population.

OUR SOLUTION

Support recommendations coming out of the Speaker's Reproductive Health and Access to Care work group, including but not limited to:

- Closing gaps in insurance coverage and protections for sexual, reproductive, and life-saving gender affirming care healthcare
- Protecting patients, providers, and helpers from criminalization and adverse action for providing or receiving sexual, reproductive, and gender-affirming care that is legal in Oregon.
- Addressing network adequacy issues and geographic barriers, especially for rural communities, through telemedicine; bolstering healthcare training, workforce development, and clinic infrastructure; reducing administrative burdens for patients and providers; providing consumer and patient education on services and coverage.
- Ensure full compliance and proper implementation of existing sexual and reproductive health policies and mandates.

Together, we can create a future where Oregonians don't have to think twice about whether they can get the care that's right for them before they go see their doctor, naturopath, nurse, or healthcare practitioner. Oregonians will know that if they need an abortion or gender affirming care they will receive it, and it will be in a way that feels right and provides autonomy.

