

It is the position of Oregon AFSCME Council 75 that all people, regardless of gender, race, or economic status, shall be given the right to make personal and informed decisions about their health. It is their right to receive relevant and unbiased information about all medical decisions from their healthcare provider, including information about reproductive health and abortion. For decades, women and people who can become pregnant have faced consistent discrimination and government overreach about decisions that should be made in private. The state of Oregon has long been a pioneer in ensuring basic healthcare rights for all their residents, and the passage of this bill will only further that sentiment. Even with the devastating overturning of Roe v. Wade, Oregon has continued to be a safe haven for those considering abortions and protected the right to choose for all. As a labor union, AFSCME works tirelessly to protect the rights of all our workers, no matter their background. We see this bill as a continuation of those protections and hope you will join us in our fight to solidify reproductive access for all in the state of Oregon. We are in full support of HB 2002 and stand in solidarity with our colleagues in fighting for women's liberation and freedom everywhere.

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