

Date: April 5, 2023
To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means
From: Daniel Carrillo
RE: Support Fair Shot for All's People's Budget

Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith; and Members of the Committee:

Our state will be healthier, stronger, and more resilient when everyone has what they need to thrive. That's why I support Fair Shot for All's People's Budget—a clear set of policies and investments that will lift up our communities and strengthen the state by using a racial, gender, and economic justice framework.

The People's Budget includes smart, community-led policies, investments, and workforce supports to address systemic inequities in Oregon, including the Fair Shot Agenda:

Indigenous Language Justice—SB 612, SB 911
Reproductive Health and Access to Care—HB 2002
Stable Homes Homelessness Prevention Package—HB 5511, HB 2001, SB 611
In Defense of Humanity—SB 413, SB 817

As a Planned Parenthood supporter, I also urge your support of Reproductive Health and Access to Care—HB 2002 . This issue is important to me because I am majoring in public health and have extensive experience working with the youth in our Oregon community. House Bill 2002 would positively impact the youth in our Oregon state. It is estimated that 1.4% of youths between the ages of 13 and 17 year identify as transgender or gender diverse(Herman, 2022). With many of these youth residing in Oregon we would create a health gap for these youth by failing to provide health care like gender affirming care. The increase of adolescent and young adults that report identifying as transgender or gender diverse is thought to be due to awareness(Rafferty, 2018). Due to this fact we will see an increase of youth seeking gender affirming care.

Everyone deserves access to life-saving medical care. Nobody should be denied gender affirming care. In 2023 alone, more than 300 bills attacking LGBTQ+ people have been introduced to state legislatures across the country. As transgender rights in particular are under attack nationwide, Oregon has an opportunity to continue standing as a leader for LGBTQ+ rights and health care access.

We are asking you to support the Governor's strategic decision to use all available current resources to invest in these key priorities. Oregon's reserves are already healthy and strong. Rather than saving more for a future Rainy Day, we need to make investments now. We create widespread economic opportunity for all when we invest in access to food, housing, and health care for our communities, and strengthen our workforce through fair wages, benefits, and protections.

I urge you to support the policies and investments in the People's Budget and the Fair Shot Agenda.

Sincerely,

Daniel Carrillo

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Sources:

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