

# Momnibus 1.5

## SB 1568

In 2025, the Oregon Legislature made progress on the Momnibus package to support parents and children in the perinatal period – pregnancy through a child’s first year ([SB 690](#), [SB 692](#)). **In 2026, Oregon can continue to make progress by passing [SB 1568](#).**

### **Background**

Pregnancy and the first year of a child’s life is a window of opportunity to protect mother and child safety, support early development, advance equity, and build the parent-child bond. For this reason, Sen. Reynolds brought together legislators and advocates to make progress for Oregon families in this critical period. This included the passage of two Momnibus bills in 2025 – legislation to prevent eviction of babies in their first year ([SB 690](#)) & legislation to expand access to doulas and lactation counselors ([SB 692](#)).

### **Problem**

As partners moved toward implementation of legislation to increase access to doulas and lactation counselors ([SB 692](#)), it was identified that changes to the statutory language were needed to better support implementation.

In addition, despite broad support, the 2025 legislative session ended without passing [SB 1039](#), a key part of the Momnibus package to establish the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative at OHSU in statute. The legislature did provide requested funding.

### **Solution**

[SB 1568](#) continues progress on the Oregon Momnibus by addressing these two challenges. [SB 1568](#) will:

- **Modify doula & lactation counselor statute (SB 692, 2025) to support effective implementation by:**
  - Updating doula requirements to facilitate implementation, including (1) specifically naming a postpartum doula type, (2) clarifying benefit requirements, (3) making technical fixes to the perinatal access fund (Sections 3, 6, 12, 13, 19)
  - Shifting lactation counselor credentialing to the Traditional Health Worker Commission (from the Health Licensing Office), which is a better fit for this community-based role. (Sections 10, 17, 22)
  - Moving implementation dates back to 2028 to provide adequate time for thoughtful rulemaking informed by stakeholders and to acknowledge delays resulting from the OHA hiring freeze.
- **Codify the Oregon Perinatal Collaborative (OPC) at OHSU.** OPC improves care and outcomes for Oregon mothers, birthing people, and newborns through collaboration, implementation of evidence-based practice, and policy change. OPC already received foundational funding in 2025 – this legislation commits this important work in statute. (Section 26)

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