

House Joint Memorial 7

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Urges Congress to pass a law about reproductive health care rights of women. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Urges Congress to pass legislation recognizing that the full spectrum of reproductive health care is a fundamental right of all women.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas reproductive rights for women and sexual and reproductive health care have come under repeated and worsening attack in recent years; and

Whereas in 2022, the United States Supreme Court, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, held that the Constitution of the United States does not confer a right to abortion; and

Whereas the *Dobbs* decision overturned both *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), returning to the federal and state legislatures the power to regulate any aspect of abortion not protected by federal statutory law; and

Whereas significant restrictions on access to reproductive health care for women now exist around the country, with many states either banning abortion outright or placing severe restrictions on access to the procedure; and

Whereas reproductive rights and sexual and reproductive health care are neither optional nor incidental to women's well-being, but instead are essential aspects of health care that can dramatically affect women's lives; and

Whereas ideologically driven policies and funding shifts that have negatively impacted access to reproductive health care especially impact low-income women, women of color and the most vulnerable elements of our society; and

Whereas the ability of women to exercise reproductive rights should never be limited by ability to pay, gender expression or identity, immigration status, HIV status or race; and

Whereas everyone, including undocumented minors, should have access to safe, legal and affordable abortion and contraception; and

Whereas all people of all ages and genders should receive medically accurate information to make informed choices about their health; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that recognizes that the full spectrum of reproductive health

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 care is a fundamental right of all women; and be it further

2 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, the
3 Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the
4 Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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