

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Declare City Council support for reproductive healthcare rights and opposition to the State of Texas' ban on abortion, and direct the City Budget Office to include \$200,000 in General Fund unrestricted contingency resources in the Mayor's Fall Supplemental Budget Ordinance, to be allocated to organizations that deliver programs and services related to reproductive healthcare (Resolution)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to declare opposition to the State of Texas' ban on abortion and support reproductive healthcare rights.

The Texas Legislature has passed into law a ban on abortion after six weeks of pregnancy and authorizes private citizens to sue any person who performs an abortion or otherwise aids and abets such a procedure.

In 1973, the United States Supreme Court ruled that women have the constitutional right to an abortion. Nonetheless, on September 1, 2021, the Supreme Court refused to block Texas' unconstitutional ban on abortions.

To support those wishing to exercise their right to make individual decisions about their reproductive healthcare, the City Budget Office shall include \$200,000 in General Fund unrestricted contingency resources in the Mayor's Fall Supplemental Budget Ordinance to be allocated to one or more organizations that deliver programs and services related to reproductive healthcare.

This resolution further directs:

- City Council to send a letter to the Oregon Congressional delegation urging them to pass the Women's Health Protection Act to secure the rights of *Roe v. Wade* into federal statute;
- City Council to send a letter to the Biden Administration supporting the United States Department of Justice's challenge to the Texas law in court;
- City Attorney's Office to participate as an *amicus* challenging the Texas law consistent with Resolution 37443 at the most effective and strategically valuable opportunity.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This ordinance allocates \$200,000 in General Fund unrestricted contingency resources in the Mayor's Fall Supplemental Budget Ordinance to be allocated to one or more organizations that deliver programs and services related to reproductive healthcare.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Feedback from several reproductive rights organizations and stakeholders has been integrated into this resolution. These organizations include NARAL Pro Choice Oregon, Northwest Abortion Access Fund, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, National Institute of Reproductive Health, and other local, regional, and national stakeholders.

Overwhelming written testimony has been received expressing support of City Council action in response to the Texas ban on abortion, reflecting the City's core values. Some opposition to this response has been received, mostly from residents of Texas.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount