

## California Future of Abortion Council

In September 2021, the Governor of California called upon legislative leaders and reproductive health care organizations and advocates to form the Future of Abortion Council. The FAB Council through a collective workgroup and research process from 2021-2022 released two reports with over 50 recommendations for policy makers to act on to improve and protect abortion access in California. This [report](#) of recommendations led to 28 pro-abortion bills being introduced in the 2022 and 2023 legislative sessions and led to the State investing over \$200 million for sexual and reproductive health care. [www.cafabcouncil.org](http://www.cafabcouncil.org)



### **FAB Budget Success**

The \$200+ million in historic budget investments to expand access to abortion and sexual and reproductive health care include:

- **\$40 Million** for the uncompensated care grant program through the CARE Act.
- **\$15 Million** for equity and infrastructure payments for clinic abortion providers in Medi-Cal.
- **\$20 Million** for reproductive health care services scholarships/loan repayments
- **\$20 Million** for reproductive health center physical and digital Infrastructure and security.
- **\$20 Million** for recruitment and retention resources to ensure clinicians and other health workers have access to abortion training.
- **\$20 Million** for the California Abortion Support Fund
- **\$20 Million** for Los Angeles County reproductive health pilot program.
- **\$20 Million** for premium subsidy payments for abortion coverage.
- **\$15 Million** for the reproductive justice and freedom fund.
- **\$10 Million** for backfilling lost Title X Family Planning Funds.
- **\$8 Million** for family planning, access, care and treatment, and HPV vaccine coverage.
- **\$4 Million** for a state-run reproductive rights website and research on unmet reproductive health care needs.
- **\$15 Million** for a grant program through an 1115 federal demonstration waiver focused on access to family planning services.

### **FAB Sponsored and Supported Legislation: 2022**

**[AB 657 \(Cooper\): Expedited Licensure for Abortion Providers](#)** – Requires the Medical Board, the Osteopathic Medical Board, the Board of Registered Nursing, and the Physician Assistant Board to expedite the licensure process of an applicant who can demonstrate that they intend to provide abortions in California.

**[AB 1242 \(Bauer- Kahan\): Reproductive Rights](#)** – Prohibits a peace officer from arresting a person for performing or aiding in the performance of a lawful abortion or for obtaining an abortion and prohibits law enforcement agencies from cooperating with or providing information to an individual or agency from another state regarding a lawful abortion. Prohibits specified corporations from providing information to out-of-state entities regarding an abortion.

**[AB 1666 \(Bauer-Kahan\) Civil Liability](#)** – Protects patients and providers from civil liability judgments for providing reproductive health care to patients when the claims are based on laws in other states that are hostile to abortion rights and are contrary to the public policy of California.

**[AB 1918 \(Petrie-Norris\): California Reproductive Health Service Corps](#)** – Establishes a Reproductive Scholarship Corps to improve the education pipeline for providers and create a more robust and diverse workforce.

**[AB 2091 \(Bonta\): Medical Privacy](#)** – Enhances privacy protections for medical records related to abortion care under California’s Reproductive Privacy Act against disclosures to law enforcement and out-of-state third parties seeking to enforce hostile abortion bans in other states.

**[AB 2134 \(Weber\): California Abortion and Reproductive Equity Act \(CARE Act\)](#)** – Establishes the California Reproductive Health Equity Program which will provide grants to providers who provided uncompensated abortion and contraceptive care to patients with low-incomes.

**[AB 2205 \(Carrillo\): Abortion Premium Transparency](#)** – Requires qualified health plans under Covered California to report annually to the Department of Insurance and Department of Managed Health Care the total amounts of funds collected in the segregated abortion accounts to create greater transparency.

**[AB 2223 \(Wicks\): Decriminalization of Abortion & Pregnancy Loss](#)** – Creates clear and consistent guidance regarding existing protections under the Reproductive Privacy Act to protect people from prosecutions and criminalization of abortion or pregnancy loss.

**[AB 2320 \(C. Garcia\): Reproductive Health Care Pilot Program](#)** – Establishes a pilot program to direct funds to community health clinics that provide reproductive health care services in 5 counties to address health disparities.\*

**[AB 2529 \(Davies and Calderon\): Certified Nurse Midwives](#)** – Adds certified nurse-midwives to existing provisions establishing a state medical contract program with accredited medical schools and hospitals.

**[AB 2586 \(C. Garcia\): Reproductive Justice and Freedom Fund](#)** – Creates a grant program to fund community-based organizations who provide and promote medically accurate, comprehensive reproductive health information and sexual health education.

**[AB 2626 \(Calderon\): Abortion Provider Protections](#)** – Protects abortion providers by preventing the Medical Board of CA from revoking or suspending a medical license for a licensee providing abortion care in CA and in other states.

**[SB 1142 \(Caballero and Skinner\): Access + Support for Abortion Patients](#)** – Creates a website with comprehensive and accurate information regarding accessing abortion services in California.

**[SB 1245 \(Kamlager\): Los Angeles County Reproductive Pilot Program](#)** – Establishes a reproductive health pilot project in LA County to support innovative approaches and patient centered collaborations for abortion.

**[SB 1375 \(Atkins\): Nurse Practitioners and Access to Reproductive Care](#)** – Allows Nurse Practitioners who meet specified criteria to practice independently, without physician supervision, including first-trimester abortion care.

**[SCA 10 \(Atkins\): Reproductive Freedom Constitutional Amendment](#)** – Safeguards reproductive freedom in California, is now [Proposition 1](#) on the November Ballot.

### **FAB Sponsored and Supported Legislation: 2023**

**[AB 90 \(Petrie-Norris\): Contraceptive Device Coverage](#)** – Expands Family PACT coverage and reimbursement policies to ensure uninsured or underinsured individuals receiving inpatient postpartum or gynecologic care have options to receive long acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) in conjunction with that care.\*

**[AB 254 \(Bauer-Kahan\): Confidentiality of Medical Information](#)** -- Protects sensitive data collected by fertility tracking and sexual health digital services by adding this category under the purview of the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act.

**[AB 352 \(Bauer-Kahan\): Health Information Privacy](#)** -- Prohibits the sharing of abortion and abortion related medical records through electronic health records systems with out of state entities without the patient's authorization.

**[AB 571 \(Petrie-Norris\): Medical Malpractice Discrimination](#)** -- Protects the ability of providers to obtain a malpractice insurance and prohibits an insurer from refusing to insure a health solely because they offer abortion or contraception and prohibits an insurer from charging an arbitrary fee or surcharge to a health care provider for providing those services.

**[AB 576 \(Weber\): Medication Abortion Equity Act](#)** – Aligns Medi-Cal coverage of medication abortion with evidence-based clinical guidelines.\*

**[AB 598 \(Wicks\): Sexual Health Education and HIV Prevention Education](#)** – Expands 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade sexual health education to include local resources and would require that students receive a physical or digital resource detailing local resources.\*

**[AB 710 \(Schiavo\): Public Education Campaign: Pregnancy Care and Abortion](#)** – Requires the State Department of Public Health to launch an awareness campaign to work with local health departments, health care providers, and the public to raise awareness about the services offered by facilities that provide pregnancy and abortion services.\*

**[AB 793 \(Bonta\): Reverse Demands](#)** – Prohibits a government entity or any court in California or another state from seeking or enforcing a reverse keyword or reverse location demand.\*

**[AB 1194 \(Carrillo\): Privacy Rights Act Exemptions](#)** -- Clarifies that a business exempt from compliance with California Privacy Rights Act do not include a consumer accessing, procuring, or searching for services regarding reproductive health, including abortion services.

**[AB 1432 \(Carrillo\): Health Care Coverage](#)** – Requires all out-of-state health care insurance providers who provide coverage to California residents to comply with California’s laws that require coverage of abortion and gender affirming care.\*

**[AB 1481 \(Boerner\):](#)** Updates the Presumptive Eligibility For Pregnant Women (PE4PW) program to the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant People (PE4PP) program and would require the Department of Health Care Services to ensure that a pregnant person continues to receive, past the 60 days period, immediate temporary coverage for prenatal care under PE4PP until their full-scope Medi-Cal application is approved or denied.

**[AB 1707 \(Pacheco\): Shield Law Protections](#)** – Expands licensing protections to all healing arts licensees, clinics, and health facilities and expands those protections to credentialing and privileging to protect providers of abortion in California.

**[AB 1646 \(Nguyen\): Guest Rotations for Medical Residents](#)**– Expands an exemption for a physician training license to allow for out-of-state medical residency programs to directly contract with abortion training sites in California to facilitate training through guest rotations.

**[SB 345 \(Skinner\): Shield Law Protections](#)** – Builds on protections to ensure reproductive health care providers are able to provide care to patients. Including protections in circumstances when the patient is not located in California, and provides protections of geolocation data and provides protections and remedies from abusive-out-of-state litigation trying to enforce hostile laws.

**[SB 385 \(Atkins\): Abortion Training](#)** -- Aligns the training requirements for aspiration abortion for Physician Assistants with Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives.

**[SB 487 \(Atkins\): Abortion Provider Protections Shield Law](#)** – Ensures that a health insurer, Medi-Cal, or health care service plan cannot penalize a licensed California health care provider who performs abortion or gender-affirming care services and prohibits insurers from discriminating or refusing to contract with a provider sanctioned in another state for providing care that is legal in California but prohibited in another state.

\*Indicates bills that were not signed into law