



CALIFORNIA FUTURE OF ABORTION COUNCIL 2022-2025 Summary of Successes



The [California Future of Abortion \(FAB\) Council](#) launched in 2021 - with the support of the Governor and state legislative leadership - to identify barriers to abortion access and recommend policy solutions to expand equitable access to abortion services for all who seek care in California. A special project of the [California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom](#), the FAB Council convened more than 50 organizations who contributed to [reports](#) in 2021, 2022, and 2025. In its most recent report, the FAB Council has published more than 50 recommendations to strengthen abortion access in California.

In response to the recommendations made in the FAB Council reports, 46 pro-abortion bills were introduced across the 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 legislative sessions. Approximately 31 were enacted into state law, including one state constitutional amendment. Additionally, Governor Newsom and legislative leaders allocated more than \$200 million in investments for abortion and reproductive health care access in the 2023 state budget. Visit www.cafabcouncil.org for more information.

State Budget Investments to Expand Abortion Access

The historic \$200+ million state budget investments made in 2023 to expand access to abortion and sexual and reproductive health care included:

- **\$40 Million** for the Uncompensated Care Grant program established by the CARE Act
- **\$20 Million** to launch the California Abortion Practical Support Fund
- **\$15 Million** for equity and infrastructure payments for clinic abortion providers in Medi-Cal
- **\$20 Million** for reproductive health care provider scholarships/loan repayments
- **\$20 Million** for reproductive health center physical and digital Infrastructure and security
- **\$20 Million** to establish the Reproductive Health Service Corps to provide abortion training programs for all members of the healthcare team
- **\$20 Million** to fund the Los Angeles County Abortion Safe Haven pilot program
- **\$20 Million** for premium subsidy payments for abortion coverage
- **\$15 Million** to establish the Reproductive Justice and Freedom Fund
- **\$10 Million** for backfilling lost Title X Federal Family Planning funds
- **\$8 Million** for family planning, access, care and treatment, and HPV vaccine coverage
- **\$4 Million** to create abortion.ca.org and for 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.

Learn more about the impact of the state budget investments: bit.ly/FABInvestmentsReport2025

State Legislation Addressing FAB Council Report Recommendations

The following legislation was introduced to enact the recommendations put forth by members of the FAB Council.

2025 State Legislation

[AB 40 \(Bonta\): EMTALA](#) – Intended to expand the definition of “emergency services and care” to include abortion and other reproductive health services for health facilities and health care service plans, thus mandating emergency rooms to provide, and health plans reimburse, for these services.

[AB 54 \(Krell and Aguiar-Curry\): Access to Safe Abortion Care Act](#) – Helps ensure that Californians maintain access to medication abortion by shielding manufacturers, distributors, authorized healthcare providers, and individuals from any civil, criminal, or professional liability when legally transporting, distributing, or administering Mifepristone in California. **2-year bill**

[AB 67 \(Bauer-Kahan\): Reproductive Privacy Act Enforcement](#) – Intended to grant the Attorney General the authority to enforce the Reproductive Privacy Act by investigating and taking legal action against violations and imposing civil penalties of up to \$25,000 for violations.

[AB 260 \(Aguiar-Cury\): Legal Protections Related to Medication Abortion](#) – Protected access to medication abortion drugs regardless of federal action to restrict care by clarifying state authority for Mifepristone use, protecting providers and facilities that offer medication abortion, affirming use and coverage of Mifepristone by health plans, and making necessary clarifying changes to existing law. **Enacted**

[AB 551 \(Krell\): Reproductive Health Emergency Preparedness Program](#) – Intended to establish the Reproductive Health Emergency Preparedness Program (RHEPP) to expand and improve access to reproductive and sexual health care in emergency departments across California. The program would be funded through legislative appropriations or private sources and administered by HCAI in collaboration with California-based organizations.

[AB 45 \(Bauer-Kahan\): Privacy: Health Care Data](#) – Prohibited release of research records with personally identifying information in response to a subpoena or request that would enforce a hostile state’s laws; restricted geofencing to collect data of individuals located in or near family planning facilities. **Enacted**

[AB 1500 \(Schiavo\): Sexual and Reproductive Health Information Act](#) – Intended to require the state website abortion.ca.gov to be maintained to share timely and accurate information about abortion access in California, provide linkages to time-sensitive care, combat disinformation, and to be updated to serve as a central repository for the health care workforce, researchers, and members of the public to access evidence-based, medically-accurate sexual and reproductive health information, research, data, and resources.

2024 State Legislation

[AB 2085](#) (Bauer-Kahan): Planning and Zoning: Ministerial Approval: Community Clinic – Streamlined the clinic permitting process and improved enforcement of constitutionally protected access to care. **Enacted**

[AB 2099](#) (Bauer-Kahan and McCarty): Crimes: Reproductive Health Service – Updated specified some penalties for violations of the California FACE Act. Specifically, updated from a misdemeanor to wobbler the offense of hate crimes and doxxing; updated from a misdemeanor to wobbler for second offenses of physical obstruction that keeps someone from accessing a repro health center, and for videotaping within 100 feet of a health center with intent to intimidate; updated to a felony the first violation of destroying property of a repro health center; and lastly, updated to a felony for second violation of someone using force or threat of force and obstructs, injures or intimidates someone from accessing repro health care. **Enacted**

[AB 2339](#) (Aguiar-Curry): Medi-Cal: Telehealth – Aimed to require Medi-Cal to cover asynchronous telehealth services and address barriers to accessing care via mobile apps and other asynchronous modalities.

[AB 2490](#) (Petrie-Norris): Reproductive Health Emergency Preparedness Program – Intended to establish the Reproductive Health Emergency Preparedness Program (RHEPP) for the purpose of expanding and improving access to reproductive and sexual health care – including treatment for pregnancy loss and miscarriage, and abortion care – in emergency departments across the state.

[AB 2670](#) (Schiavo and Holden): Awareness Campaign: Abortion Services – Intended to require the department of Public Health to develop an awareness campaign to publicize the internet website abortion.ca.gov.

[SB 233](#) (Skinner and Aguiar-Curry): Expediting Authority for Arizona Abortion Providers to Offer Care in California – Temporarily allowed licensed Arizona doctors to provide abortion and related care to Arizona patients traveling to California through November 30, 2024. **Enacted**

2023 State Legislation

[AB 90](#) (Petrie-Norris): Contraceptive Device Coverage – Aimed to expand 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. **Enacted**

[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. **Enacted**

[AB 571 \(Petrie-Norris\): Medical Malpractice Discrimination](#) – Protects the ability of providers to obtain malpractice insurance and prohibits an insurer from refusing to insure a health care provider 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. **Enacted**

[AB 576 \(Weber\): Medication Abortion Equity Act](#) – Intended to align Medi-Cal coverage of medication abortion with evidence-based clinical guidelines. **Enacted via administrative action**

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

[AB 710 \(Schiavo\): Public Education Campaign: Pregnancy Care and Abortion](#) – Intended to require 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](#) – Intended to prohibit 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](#) – Clarified that a business exempt from compliance with California Privacy Rights Act does not include a consumer accessing, procuring, or searching for services regarding reproductive health, including abortion services. **Enacted**

[AB 1432 \(Carrillo\): Health Care Coverage](#) – Intended to require 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 \(Boerner\): Care for Pregnant People](#) – Renamed the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PE4PW) program to the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant People (PE4PP) program and requires 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. **Enacted**

[AB 1646 \(Nguyen\): Guest Rotations for Medical Residents](#) – Expanded 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. **Enacted**

[AB 1707 \(Pacheco\): Shield Law Protections](#) – Expanded 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. **Enacted**

[SB 345 \(Skinner\): Shield Law Protections](#) – Built on existing 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; provided protections of geolocation data; and provided protections and remedies from abusive out-of-state litigation attempting to enforce hostile laws. **Enacted**

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

[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. **Enacted**

2022 State Legislation

[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. **Enacted**

[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. **Enacted**

[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. **Enacted**

[AB 1918 \(Petrie-Norris\): California Reproductive Health Service Corps](#) – Established a Reproductive Health Service Corps that includes abortion training programs for the entire healthcare team, improving the education pipeline for providers and creating a more robust and diverse workforce. **Enacted**

[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. **Enacted**

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

[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. **Enacted**

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

[AB 2320](#) (C. Garcia): Reproductive Health Care Pilot Program – Intended to establish 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 – Intended to add 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 – Created a grant program to fund community-based organizations who provide and promote medically accurate, comprehensive reproductive health information and sexual health education. **Enacted**

[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. **Enacted**

[SB 245](#) (Gonzalez): Abortion Care Cost-Sharing – Eliminated cost-sharing and co-pays for abortion services covered by commercial health plans. **Enacted**

[SB 1142](#) (Caballero and Skinner): Access + Support for Abortion Patients – Established the Abortion Practical Support Fund to provide grants to increase patient access to abortion and created a website with comprehensive and accurate information regarding accessing abortion services in California. **Enacted**

[SB 1245](#) (Kamlager): Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program – Established a reproductive health pilot project in LA County to support innovative approaches and patient centered collaborations for abortion. **Enacted**

[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. **Enacted**

[SCA 10](#) (Atkins): Reproductive Freedom Constitutional Amendment – Safeguards reproductive freedom in California. The resolution was signed, and Proposition 1 was placed on the 2022 November election ballot. Proposition 1 passed with more than 65% of the vote. **Enacted**