



WHAT IS PPVC & WHAT DO WE AIM TO DO?

Planned Parenthood Votes Colorado (PPVC) advocates for creating, improving and protecting reproductive health care access, effective comprehensive sex education, pregnancy and STI prevention policies, and a woman's right to determine when and whether she becomes pregnant. In turn, PPVC challenges government interference in personal decisions that should be left to women and their families.

PPVC is a non-partisan, 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. PPVC is the advocacy and political arm of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Inc. (PPRM). We engage in educational and electoral activity, including legislative advocacy, voter education, and grassroots organizing to promote the Planned Parenthood mission.

WHY DO WE DO A LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD?

Planned Parenthood Votes Colorado compiles legislative scorecards to educate and inform voters about the record of support for reproductive health and education of current members of the Colorado Senate and Colorado House. The information presented is based on votes on key legislation related to reproductive health and rights.

Colorado prioritizes reproductive health and continues to protect the right to safe and legal abortion care. Every Coloradan deserves access to reproductive health, including abortion care, regardless of geographic location, ethnic or racial background, family income, sexual orientation, or gender expression.



HOUSE RESOLUTION

This resolution allowed House Representatives to send a message that the majority of Coloradans support access to reproductive health care:

• <u>HR17-1005</u>, "Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health Care" demonstrates Colorado's commitment to ensuring access to quality health care for all residents, including contraception, prenatal and maternity care, fertility services, and abortion as a vital component of any health care system in order to meet the needs of women and families in Colorado. Passed by a voice vote; scorecard details all sponsors of the resolution.



STATE BUDGET

Unfortunately, Colorado's budget and the Constitutional limits on it continues to impede access to the reproductive health and education all Coloradans need.

- **SB17-254** This amendment would have increased access to contraception for Colorado women by allocating state funds to family planning services, specifically Colorado's Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) program. This budget amendment had unanimous support from Senate Democrats with the exception of Sen. Dominick Moreno, who in custom with JBC rules, voted with his committee.
- <u>HB17-1127</u> "Exempt Feminine Hygiene Products from Sales Tax" would have required Colorado to reclassify tampons and pads as necessary items, making them tax exempt. The tax reduction would benefit almost 100,000 Colorado women (ages 12-51) who purchase feminine hygiene products.
- "Tampon Amendment": Sponsored by Resprenentaties Herod and Winter, this amendment provides incarcerated women in Colorado prisons access to tampons.

2017 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD





PROACTIVE LEGISLATION

These bills will improve access to health care for women and families in our state:

- **HB1322** "Domestic Violence Reports by Medical Professionals" allows adult (18 and over) survivors of domestic violence the option to confide in their medical provider to access support or advocacy services regardless of their choice to participate within the criminal justice system. Medical professionals (licensed physician, physician assistant, or anesthesiologist assistants) work with their patients to access medical care and domestic violence advocacy services and resources.
- <u>HB1186</u> "Health Coverage Prescription Contraceptives Supply" allows women to pick-up 12 months of birth control pills at a time, so that women don't have to visit a pharmacy every month for the contraception that has already been prescribed.



ANTI-REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH LEGISLATION

During the 2017 session, we again saw numerous attacks on reproductive health care in Colorado. However, with the help of our coalition partners, we defeated all five anti-abortion bills. These attacks included:

HOUSE BILLS

- **HB17-1085**: "Women's Health Protection Act" would have created a litany of unnecessary and burdensome requirements for abortion providers, with the goal of reducing access to abortion care.
- **HB17-1086**: "Abortion Pill Reversal Information Act" sought to further stigmatize abortion by requiring physicians to provide medically inaccurate and misleading information to patients before administering a medication abortion, stating that it is possible to reverse it. This bill uses insufficient research and false science to shame women out of receiving care.
- <u>HB17-1099</u> "No Funding Trafficking Aborted Human Body Parts" would have stigmatized abortion care by creating regulations and punishing universities for participating in fetal tissue donation for medical research. Federal law already regulates and prohibits profit from fetal tissue donation.
- <u>HB17-1108</u> "Protect Human Life At Conception" would have banned all abortion, and emergency contraception, in the state, even in cases of rape or incest and criminalized doctors who provide abortion care. **SENATE BILLS**
- •<u>SB17-284</u> "A Woman's Right To Accurate Health Care Information" or otherwise known as "the anti-abortion mega bill" would have required providers to give medically unnecessary information to patients, and forced women to wait 24 hours, among other burdensome restrictions, to get abortion care.



ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION

• <u>HB17-1188</u> "Harassment Sexual Orientation or Disability" reclassifies harassment or intimidation of a person because of sexual orientation, transgender status, and physical or mental disability, as a misdemeanor.



DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION

- •<u>SB17-283*</u> "Clarify Discrimination And Right To Disagree" would have allowed business to claim any belief, including religious beliefs, to give them the right to refuse to follow non-discrimination laws.
- **HB17-1013**: "Free Exercise of Religion" would have allowed businesses and individuals to claim that their religious views give them permission to exempt themselves from certain laws.
- *Note: This bill died in the second reading in the Senate on a voice vote, so the scorecard reflects committee votes.



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