



The Jewish Federation  
OF LANE COUNTY

THE **STRENGTH** OF A PEOPLE.  
THE **POWER** OF COMMUNITY.

**Jewish Federation of Lane County  
Jewish Community Relations Council  
2023 Legislative Agenda**

**Protecting Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities**

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) supports the safeguarding of Medicaid funding for Oregon’s most vulnerable populations, as well as funding for home and community-based service options. This includes support for the increase in demand for Medicaid due to recovery from the pandemic. **We support HB 2800 to prevent age discrimination**

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**Preventing Gun Violence**

The JCRC is committed to making Oregonians safer by keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and dangerous individuals. We continue to support efforts by coalition partners in developing and bringing gun violence prevention measures to the Legislature.

**Holocaust Education Funding and Ethnic Studies**

In 2019, the JCRC helped pass legislation requiring the Oregon Department of Education to include Holocaust and genocide education in public schools. However, there was no money attached to this legislation and the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education (OJMCHE) has absorbed most of the costs for developing resources and providing training. With anti-semitism on the rise, the JCRC supports legislation to fund teacher training, a statewide summit, and material/resource development through the OJMCHE.

The JCRC supports statewide ethnic studies standards for public kindergarten through grade 12. These standards should include the history and contributions of the American Jewish community, along with the other historically marginalized communities (Black, Latinx, Asian, Native American). **We support HB 2905 - Amends the 2017 Ethnic Studies Bill**

**Supporting Reproductive Choice**

The JCRC holds that Jewish values support full access to basic health care including safe and legal abortion for women. The JCRC supports legislation sharing these goals.

**Climate Change Action**

The JCRC believes that climate change is an existential global security threat and one of the greatest moral issues of our time. We support legislation to promote renewable energy and other clean-energy innovations that will enable Oregon to lower its carbon footprint and help mitigate the dangerous impacts of climate change.

**Protecting Workers Against Wage Theft**

The JCRC believes that every worker has the right to live and labor with dignity, safety and hope. The JCRC is a member of the Oregon Coalition Against Wage Theft and supports these legislative efforts.

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**Housing**

JCRC strives to promote *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) and *Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdorf* (the obligation to actively pursue justice). Supporting policies to promote affordable housing in line with those values. JCRC supports policies and programs that create and maintain an adequate supply of affordable rental and ownership options integrated with the community to meet the needs of people of all ages, incomes, and abilities

**Food Insecurity**

Food insecurity continues to persist in Oregon leaving many struggling to find enough to eat every month. Seniors living on fixed incomes face difficult choices between paying for utilities, paying for medicines and buying food. Oregon has one of the highest child hunger rates in the nation. We remain committed to ensuring people of all ages in Oregon are healthy and hunger-free. We support policies that connect people to nutrition programs, that make food affordable/ available, and alleviate those issues that make hunger an unwelcome reality. **We support SB 610 Food for All Oregonians**

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