

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF OREGON BIENNIAL ACTION PRIORITIES 2024-2026

“AAUW of Oregon promotes advocacy, takes action to empower women and girls, and connects AAUW National with branch members.”

AAUW of Oregon’s Public Policy Committee, guided by our National and State Mission Statements and the National AAUW 2023-2025 Public Policy Priorities and Goals establish the following biennial priorities:

## ***1. Support a quality fully funded K-12 and higher public education system***

- Support adequate and equitable funding for education, statewide summer learning, early learning, and special education.
- Support for Gender Equity and Title IX.
- Oppose policies that support book banning or curriculum censorship.
- Advocate for increased participation of women and girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and civics, history, and political science (CHIPS).
- Support implementation of current legislation for statewide science-based reading instruction to address Oregon’s Literacy Crisis.
- Oppose diversion of public funds to non-public elementary and secondary education, charter, and cyber charter schools.
- Support legislative action on equitable, affordable, and reliable broadband infrastructure, services, and when needed appropriate devices and digital security to Oregon’s elementary and secondary students.

## ***2. Advocate for racial, ethnic and gender equity/representation/economic security***

- Support all aspects of Oregon’s Equal Pay Act. Support increased proportional representation of women in public and private leadership roles in Oregon, including training for public office and governing and advisory boards.
- Support for enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes.
- Advocate for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.
- Support safe, livable, and affordable housing.
- Advocate for affordable child and youth care and early childhood education programs that link state and local community partnerships to include health, nutrition, and other supportive services.

## ***3. Support health care for all Oregonians***

- Address sexual harassment, assault, physical violence, and human trafficking.
- Advocate for universal availability of quality, affordable, and accessible healthcare for all.
- Support self-determination in women’s reproductive health decisions.
- Advocate for recognition that gun violence is a health care issue.

#### ***4. Protection of our democracy***

- Support campaign finance reform to enhance political equality for all citizens.
- Promote equal access in the voting process, combatting voter suppression efforts.
- Support redistricting efforts by citizens.

#### ***5. Expanding our influence through collaborations with like-minded organization and individuals***

- Provide ongoing education to all AAUW of Oregon branches throughout the year covering our state priority issues, current legislative reports, monthly updates of local branches and statewide advocacy, and providing access to research and training opportunities.
- Collaborate with other nonprofit and community-based organizations and agencies sharing mutual interests and issues, widening our impact.