

## **2019 Legislative and Advocacy Agenda**

### **I. Protecting Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities**

The Federation's 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. Oregon currently faces a \$830-million Medicaid shortfall for the 2019-21 budget cycle due to the sunset of Measure 101's healthcare provider assessment and the expected decline in federal support of the Medicaid population.

### **II. Supporting Genocide, Holocaust and Hate Education in Oregon High Schools**

The results of a sobering survey conducted by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany were released this year: Twenty-two percent of millennials haven't heard of the Holocaust or aren't sure whether they've heard of it. Thirty-one percent of American adults (41 percent of millennials) don't know how many Jews were killed in the Holocaust. Forty-one percent of Americans (66 percent of millennials) can't identify what the death camp Auschwitz was. In partnership with the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, the JCRC is committed to reversing this trend by supporting legislation to mandate Genocide, Hate and Holocaust-related education in the state's public high schools. This includes a history of hate and discrimination in Oregon.

### **III. Strengthening Hate Crimes Legislation**

According to the Anti-Defamation League, over the last several years, the American Jewish community has been victimized by hate crimes more than any other religious community. The JCRC supports legislation to strengthen the state's intimidation laws, which are applied in the prosecution of bias crimes. We are providing feedback to the Attorney General's Task Force on Hate Crimes.

### **IV. Supporting Workers Rights**

The JCRC believes that every worker has the right to live and labor with dignity, safety and hope. Traditionally, victims can file lawsuits to hold bad actors accountable for wage theft, but now businesses are burying forced arbitration provisions deep in employment contracts, denying access to courts and juries. The JCRC is a member of the Oregon Coalition Against Wage Theft, which supports legislation that would authorize whistleblowers who identify violations to join the state attorney general as a party to the case, thereby bypassing forced arbitration provisions that deny victims their right to go to court.

## **V. Preventing Gun Violence**

The JCRC is a coalition member of the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety. We are jointly committed to making Oregon safer by keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and dangerous individuals. The group is made up of businesses, faith communities, service organizations, nonprofits and elected officials. At this time, the coalition is looking at a variety of options for the 2019 session, including safe storage, and the JCRC is committed in supporting that package of legislation. We support legislation addressing the following:

### **Ban guns/firearms at certain public facilities**

- Ban bringing any firearm onto K-12 school property, even with a concealed carry permit (except law enforcement officers authorized to carry or other security personnel authorized by the school district).
- Ban bringing any firearm on to public grounds or into a public facility, even with a concealed carry permit (unless law enforcement officer authorized to carry or other security personnel authorized by the public agency; or unless specifically allowed by an action of the governing body through a law, ordinance, or code; or unless gun/firearm is brought on premise to turn in to law enforcement). Examples: city hall, recreation center, public park, government offices, public library, county fairgrounds.

### **Support legislation placing restrictions on assault weapons or assault-type weapons**

- Prohibit any new sales or purchases or bringing previously purchased in to Oregon after law effective date. Legislation to be modeled after similar laws passed in California and Connecticut, and to include a precise definition of “assault weapon.”
- Require registration of any previously purchased, with background checks and disqualifying factors (e.g., criminal history, abuse history, mental incapacity).

### **Prohibit 3D printed guns**

- Prohibit the publication of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms.
- Prohibit the printing, purchase, sale, possession, or use of 3D printed firearms.

### **Require firearm safety and liability insurance**

- Define and designate comprehensive gun/firearm safety courses and require evidence that one has completed such a course.
- Require liability insurance covering accidents and theft for any firearm.
- Require guns to be stored in a locked container, gun safe, or disabled with a gun lock when not in use.
- Require gun owners to report any lost or stolen guns to local law enforcement.

### **Support legislation prohibiting bump stocks**

- Ban any device, attachment, or modification that allows or enables a gun/firearm that would otherwise not be considered an assault weapon or assault type weapon to function like an assault weapon or to simulate the function of an assault weapon.  
Ban any device, attachment, or modification that allows or enables a gun/firearm to function like or similar to an automatic weapon.

### **Oppose IP 8. Common Firearms Act**

### **Support legislation prohibiting gun silencers**

### **Support legislation prohibiting all automatic weapons**