



AAUW – Kentucky Policy Statement on Proposed Legislation in the Kentucky General Assembly: Health Care for Women and Girls February 18, 2025

SUPPORT: [KY HB74](#) – An act relating to providing free feminine hygiene products for elementary and secondary students. This bill requires public schools and public charter schools in Kentucky that include grades four through twelve to provide free feminine hygiene products to female students.

SUPPORT: [KY HB90](#) -- AN ACT relating to freestanding birthing centers. This bill establishes a comprehensive framework for freestanding birthing centers in Kentucky, defining them as health facilities outside of hospitals and private residences that provide care during labor, delivery, and the immediate postpartum period.

SUPPORT: [KY HB357](#) – An act relating to reproductive health care. This bill expands Medicaid eligibility and creates a comprehensive family planning program in Kentucky . . . to include pregnant women and new mothers in Medicaid coverage for up to 12 months postpartum, regardless of citizenship or national origin.

SUPPORT: [KY HB418](#) -- Establish privacy protections for a woman seeking reproductive health care outside of the Commonwealth; establish protections for any person or entity assisting a woman seeking reproductive health care out of the Commonwealth

The American Association of University Women's (AAUW) mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Since 1881, AAUW has supported a strong public education system that promotes gender fairness, equity, diversity, and inclusivity and addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women and girls, which ultimately hinder the advancement of everyone.

AAUW supports:

- **Strong Medicare and Medicaid systems** and oppose any efforts to undermine them, including privatization and block grant proposals
- Complete, accurate, and timely **collection of data, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender identity** to inform policy decisions and the apportionment of political representation
- **Self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions**
- **Universal access** to quality, affordable health care, including insurance, and comprehensive family planning services, including expansion of patients' rights

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AAUW fights to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. We train women to negotiate for pay and benefits and to pursue leadership roles. And we advocate for federal, state and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination.
