



New York State Senate Standing Committee on **Women's Issues** **Senator Cordell Cleare**

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Leader Stewart-Cousins:

I attach herewith the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Women's Issues for the 2022 Legislative Session.

I thank you for the trust you have placed in me as Chair, and I was proud to lead this Committee during my very first year in the Senate. During the 2022 Session, a global total of 36 Bills were referred to our Committee, we met two times; consequently, we reported 11 bills. Two additional bills experienced full and final movement through the Rules Committee.

The Committee did not hold any official Hearings or Roundtables this past year but members remained active in a number of key issue areas. I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee in 2022 for their efforts and thoughtful collaboration—as well as the capable assistance of our Majority Central Staff.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cordell Cleare". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cordell Cleare
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Senator Cordell Cleare

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

Committee Membership:

Senator Cordell Cleare, Chair
Senator Julia C. Salazar, Member
Senator Anna M. Kaplan, Member
Senator José M. Serrano, Member
Senator Pete Harckham, Member
Senator Daphne Jordan, Ranking Member
Senator Alexis Weik, Member

COMMITTEE STAFF

Carolyn Sheridan, Senior Policy Advisor | Majority Counsel/Program

Christopher W. LaBarge, Legislative & Committee Director

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Women's Issues has legislative responsibilities concerning the rights, health, and any issues pertaining to women in New York State. This includes legislation dealing with reproductive health, bodily autonomy, and women's rights.

During the 2022 Legislative Session, a global total of thirty-six bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, eleven were reported from the Committee; one bill that was placed on the agenda due to a "Motion For Committee Consideration" was defeated and two additional bills experienced full and final movement through the Rules Committee.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee passed a number of significant bills related to women's health—including the prevention of maternal mortality and improvement of health outcomes for newborn children. Select highlights include:

Senate Bill 470, which Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to conduct a study and issue a report examining the unmet health and resource needs facing pregnant women in New York and the impact of limited service pregnancy centers.

Senate Bill 7628 which adds a representative of women's health service providers on the public health and health planning council.

Senate Bill 8751 which requires hospitals and birth centers to publish annual statistics of maternity related procedures, including five years of data, in a leaflet to be provided to prospective maternity patients as well as made accessible on the DOH website.

TWO HOUSE BILLS PASSED & SIGNED INTO LAW

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Final Action
S.470	Hoylman	Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to conduct a study and issue a report examining the unmet health and resource needs facing pregnant women in New York and the impact of limited service pregnancy centers	Passed Both Houses, Signed By Governor Chapter 217
S.7628	Salazar	Adds a representative of women's health service providers on the public health and health planning council	Passed Both Houses, Signed By Governor Chapter 179
S.8751	Brouk	Relates to informational leaflets for maternity patients	Passed Both Houses, Signed By Governor Chapter 382

ADDITIONAL BILLS ACTED UPON BY COMMITTEE

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Final Action
S.401-A	Biaggi	Relates to women's health in correctional facilities	Passed Committee; Referred To Finance
S.2129	Jordan	Establishes the crime of assault on a pregnant individual	Defeated In Committee
S.3472	Biaggi	Requires feminine hygiene products to be offered for free in non-public schools	Passed Committee; Passed Senate
S.5633	Parker	Enacts the "public university emergency contraception education act"	Passed Committee; Referred To Finance
S.6924-A	Biaggi	Establishes a task force on missing women and girls who are black, indigenous and people of color	Passed Committee; Passed Finance; 3 rd Reading
S.7865	Brouk	Relates to maternal depression screenings	Passed Committee; 3 rd Reading
S.8241-A	Cleare	Relates to permitting pregnant women to enroll in health insurance during a special enrollment period without penalty	Passed Committee; Passed Senate
S.8575	Cleare	Relates to establishing a uterine fibroids awareness and education program	Passed Committee; Passed Senate
S.8599-B	Cleare	Provides for third trimester syphilis testing	Passed Committee; Passed Senate
S.8879	Persaud	Ensures ovarian cancer survivors have the right to access screenings for health conditions	Passed Committee; 3 rd Reading
S.8893	Persaud	Directs the department of health to create an informational pamphlet regarding the laparoscopic power morcellation surgery technique	Passed Rules; Passed Senate



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