



With a state legislature made up 40 percent of women, Nevada is second only to Vermont in terms of female representation. And that translated into a landmark session for women's rights and health this year, even under a male Republican governor.

Nevada lawmakers just wrapped up a state legislative session that delivered a startling number of progressive victories for women: tax-free tampons, a new \$500,000 family planning program, workplace accommodations for pregnant women, and mandatory insurance coverage of contraception and mammograms.

"We started with some pushback from Republicans, but by the end of the session we had broad bipartisan support on a lot of these measures," said state Sen. Julia Ratti (D), a freshman from Sparks.

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