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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2017 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 1046: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which:

- Establishes Health Care for All Oregon Board to develop, implement and oversee Health Care for All Oregon Plan to be administered by Oregon Health Authority.
- Provides comprehensive health care coverage to all individuals residing or working in Oregon. Repeals health insurance exchange upon implementation of Health Care for All Oregon Plan.
- Supplants coverage by private insurers for health services covered by plan.
- Authorizes Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to offer supplemental health benefit plans to employees. Requires public employees to be covered by Health Care for All Oregon Plan.
- Establishes Health Care for All Oregon Fund; continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Health Care for All Oregon Board.
- Establishes office of Health Care for All Oregon Ombudsman in office of Governor.
- Requires Health Care for All Oregon Board to establish Regional Planning Boards to oversee allocation of health resources in geographic regions prescribed by Health Care for All Oregon Board.
- Requires submission to Regional Planning Board of plans for addition, alteration or construction of health care facility except long term care facility.
- Authorizes Health Care for All Oregon Board to provide public funding upon request if addition, alteration or construction approved.
- Transfers to Department of Human Services authority to approve certificate of need for long term care facility.
- Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Health Care for All Oregon Board for purposes of Health Care for All Oregon Plan.

The United States should not be the only industrialized nation without a comprehensive health and medical care system.

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