

Senate Joint Memorial 2

Sponsored by Senator RILEY (at the request of Samuel Metz, M.D.) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges members of Oregon Congressional Delegation to cosponsor or endorse State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2018.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation:

We, your memorialists, the Eightieth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas families in Oregon, despite best state and federal efforts, still lack access to health care and remain at risk for medical bankruptcy even if covered by insurance; and

Whereas businesses in Oregon still struggle to provide affordable health care coverage to keep employees productive and their families healthy; and

Whereas Oregon and other states seek cost-effective ways of providing better care to more people using less money; and

Whereas state health care reform efforts are impeded by multiple federal laws that govern 85 percent of health care dollars spent in Oregon; and

Whereas waivers from interfering federal laws are complex, rare or impossible; and

Whereas H.R. 6097, the State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2018, would grant the Secretary of Health and Human Services authority to offer a "super waiver" to any state that passes legislation covering at least as many people with at least as good health care benefits and without increasing the federal debt; and

Whereas H.R. 6097 would not compel Oregon to abandon its current health care system nor take any action not approved by voters or the legislature; and

Whereas passage of H.R. 6097 would allow Oregon to create health care reforms specific to Oregon's needs and priorities rather than those of the federal government; and

Whereas Senator Ron Wyden is a leader in promoting state choice and freedom from federal interference in state health care reform; and

Whereas Representatives Earl Blumenauer and Peter DeFazio are current cosponsors of H.R. 6097; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, in order to promote Oregon's options to improve health care in our state without impediment by federal law, call upon Oregon's Representatives in Congress to cosponsor H.R. 6097 and Oregon's Senators to endorse H.R. 6097; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to each member of the Oregon Congres-

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