

I support this bill for many reasons, including those in our state that are not able to receive healthcare, and for my own personal reasons. My husband and I are a young married couple, and my husband has Crohn's disease. Crohn's is an autoimmune issue that attacks your entire body and makes it difficult to go about your daily life. It's like having the worst stomach virus, on top of having fatigue, swollen joints, chills, and severe abdominal pain. Currently, we both work full time (he works more than full time even in his condition) and attend school. As of right now, we don't have health insurance because it's not provided through our employers, we don't make enough to pay for private insurance, and we make too much to qualify for the state insurance. Not to mention the fear of medical debt if we do have an emergency. Please consider supporting this bill because we are not the only ones that are struggling like this, this is something that is affecting many people across all communities, ages, and intersectionality. Supporting this bill would be very impactful on every single life in this state and it's the right thing to do to support our Oregonians. Thank you for your time and consideration.