

In 2019, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 770, which established the Task Force on Universal Health Care. The Task Force was charged with recommending a universal health care system that offers equitable, affordable, comprehensive, high quality, publicly funded health care to all Oregon residents. The Task Force was to submit a report to the Legislature recommending a Health Care for All Oregon Plan no later than June 2021. The Task Force was organized and began working in 2020, but the pace of the work was significantly slowed by the Covid 19 pandemic. In order to complete the important and comprehensive task that the legislature gave to the Task Force, more time is needed. It is important, therefore that an additional year be granted for the Task Force to finish its work. I am in total support of SB 428.