



## **OPA Supports SB 428**

The Oregon Psychological Association and its Legislative Committee strongly supports SB 428, which extends for one year the sunset of the Task Force on Universal Health Care and extends the deadline for the task force to submit recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.

The work of the Task Force will provide basic knowledge needed to overcome obstacles to that goal, but its work has been hampered by the COVID pandemic and there would be insufficient time to complete its tasks.

The Association has previously offered strong support for amending the Oregon Constitution to “ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right.”

In keeping with the ethical standards of our profession, our ceaseless efforts toward inclusion, and honoring the medical and psychological needs of all people, we feel that the right to healthcare is a human right and should be upheld in the state of Oregon.

We commend the state in its revolutionary initiative to ensure the medical and psychological needs of its citizens are met.