

Hi! I am on the Oregon Health Plan and I am deeply grateful to have that option. I am in an odd position though because if I make even \$1 more than the (extremely low) income threshold, I would lose my healthcare, and I'm not about to spend a third of my paycheck buying healthcare, which is roughly what it would have cost me if my old job, at which I made more than the threshold, hadn't had coverage. Whew, long sentence. Most of my adult life, I have not had healthcare. I've been fortunate that nothing has happened to me, but I really think it would be cool if there was some kind of a reasonable cap on insurance agencies because, let's face it, those guys are taking it in—they could afford to charge us less and more people would have health care. So whatever you end up doing, I definitely support this bill and look forward to a future when health coverage is a basic human right in Oregon.