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I urge you to support the work of the Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care by passing SB 704. Universal single payer health care is the only way we can achieve better care for more people for less money. Our current system is fast becoming unaffordable for employers and people. We are the only industrialized country that puts its people at risk of medical bankruptcy. We have poor outcomes in behavioral and mental health. Many rural areas have poor access to care. As a former business owner I understand how important it is to have a productive healthy workforce. Let's take the next steps as a state to establish the Governance Board and complete the necessary study to create the plan and provide every person in Oregon with high quality affordable health care.