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I am an Oregonian with expertise in healthcare system finance and strengthening. Also, I have experience in conducting research on other nations' universal healthcare systems.

A universal health plan will help Oregon to achieve the following,

1. make health care accessible to all Oregonians,
2. equitable and affordable health insurance,
3. integrate health care with population health promotion,
4. improve equity in health care quality,
5. make Oregon-based businesses more competitive because of lower healthcare costs,
6. improve Medicare beneficiaries' access to healthcare if it is integrated into the Universal Health Plan,
7. Oregonians no longer have to worry about losing health insurance when they are unemployed, or changing health insurance plans when they change jobs, and
8. strengthen Oregon's social support and harmony and materialize access to healthcare as a basic right.

Establishing Universal Health Plan Governance Board is a critical step and infrastructure to create a comprehensive plan for implementing Universal Health Plan in Oregon.

Oregon has been the leader and pioneer in health care since we implemented the Oregon Health Plan. Passing SB 704 will make Oregon the leader in implementing universal health care in the nation.

The healthcare system is a social institution and not just an industry. A society's healthcare system is a representation of the nature of its people. The universal healthcare system is the most humane healthcare system. Passing SB 704 will help us to show the nation and the world the humane nature of Oregonians.