



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

HB-2537-Health Care for Veterans via OHP-Neutral

Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Grayber and Lewis and members of the committee.

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition understands the plight of veterans who have limited access to health care or who do not utilize the VA health care system.

We understand there are issues accessing behavioral and mental health care for all Oregonians due to many issues, chief among them the lack of providers.

We would point out that at 400% of the Federal Poverty level, those veterans at that resource level would be accessing the Oregon Health Plan with many more resources than other Oregonians on OHP.

The level at which other Oregonians can qualify for OHP is 133% of the FPL. Pregnant women and children under 1 year of age can access OHP at 185% of the FPL. Other Oregonians who are not covered by OHP must purchase insurance on the Market Place for which they may or may not receive subsidies.

We are aware that there are changes at the Federal level which may adversely affect the Federal funding for OHP or Oregon's Medicaid program.

We urge your careful consideration of this bill in light of all the other factors that influence medical spending in Oregon.

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