

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 2 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Berger, Buckley, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum
<b>Nays:</b>	Esquivel, Thatcher
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	6/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Proposes amendment to the Oregon Constitution declaring that access to health care is a fundamental right of every legal resident of Oregon. Directs Legislative Assembly to implement a health care system to provide legal residents access to effective and affordable health care. Refers the proposed constitutional amendment to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Background on the 2006 HOPE Initiative
- Recent poll on percent of Oregonians who believe health care should be a fundamental right
- Spectrum of health care system
- Concerns with definition of legal resident
- Costs associated with health care system

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Directs the Legislative Assembly to implement a health care system to provide legal residents access to effective and affordable health care.

**BACKGROUND:** On July 5, 2005 the Office of the Secretary of State received a certified ballot title from the Attorney General for initiative petition #40. The petition proposed a constitutional amendment, for the November 7, 2006 general election, that would have amended the Oregon Constitution requiring the state provide access to health care as a fundamental right for every Oregon resident. Additional components of Initiative #40 included a directive that the legislature adopt a plan to incrementally expand health care coverage so residents could regularly obtain effective, affordable health care and that the legislature consider ways to: conserve and strengthen the existing health care system; conserve and strengthen the system of providing health insurance as an employment benefit; encourage individual responsibility for health care; maximize use of federal programs; encourage efficient and effective use of expenditures; and improve the health of every Oregon resident. The Initiative did not pass. If it did, the plan would have been adopted no later than July 1, 2009 and repealed on December 31, 2012

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