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**House Joint Memorial 23**

Ordered by the House May 4  
Including House Amendments dated May 4

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Urges Congress to reauthorize State Children's Health Insurance Program in timely manner.

**JOINT MEMORIAL**

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2 To the Governor of the State of Oregon and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the  
3 United States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in leg-  
5 islative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the health of Oregon's children is of paramount importance to Oregon's families and  
7 communities; and

8 Whereas the social and psychological well-being and educational achievement of Oregon's chil-  
9 dren is threatened by poor health; and

10 Whereas protecting the health of our children is essential to the well-being of our youngest  
11 citizens, our prospects for developing a competitive workforce and the quality of life in our state;  
12 and

13 Whereas 116,000 children in Oregon currently have no health coverage; and

14 Whereas nearly two out of every three uninsured children in Oregon live in low-income house-  
15 holds; and

16 Whereas most uninsured children in Oregon living in low-income households live with an adult  
17 who works full time; and

18 Whereas employer-sponsored health insurance for low-income workers is eroding many times  
19 faster than employer-sponsored health insurance for high-income workers; and

20 Whereas federal funding available through the State Children's Health Insurance Program is  
21 targeted to uninsured children in families with modest incomes; and

22 Whereas federal funds obtained through the State Children's Health Insurance Program are an  
23 integral part of health coverage for many Oregon children living in low-income households, including  
24 more than 52,000 children in 2005; and

25 Whereas both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate have  
26 approved budget resolutions that include a reserve fund of \$50 billion as part of the reauthorization  
27 of the State Children's Health Insurance Program; now, therefore,

28 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

29 (1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to:

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (a) Reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program in a timely manner;  
2 (b) Deliver \$50 billion in new funding for public children’s health coverage programs; and  
3 (c) Provide states with new tools, options and financial support in order to effectively reach  
4 more children in the future.
- 5 (2) The Governor of the State of Oregon is respectfully urged to work with the Oregon Con-  
6 gressional Delegation to encourage their colleagues in Congress to:
- 7 (a) Reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program in a timely manner;  
8 (b) Deliver \$50 billion in new funding for public children’s health coverage programs; and  
9 (c) Provide states with new tools, options and financial support in order to effectively reach  
10 more children in the future.
- 11 (3) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Oregon, to the Director  
12 of Human Services for the State of Oregon, to the Secretary of the United States Department of  
13 Health and Human Services and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.  
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