

House Joint Memorial 23

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

SUMMARY

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

JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas nearly two out of every three uninsured children in Oregon live in low-income households; and

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program in a timely manner to allow the program, which serves Oregon's most vulnerable residents, to reach more children in the future.

(2) The Governor of the State of Oregon is urged to work with the Oregon Congressional Delegation to encourage their colleagues in Congress to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

(3) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Oregon, to the Director

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1 of Human Services for the State of Oregon, to the Secretary of the United States Department of
2 Health and Human Services and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.
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