

A-Engrossed House Joint Resolution 18

Ordered by the House May 8
Including House Amendments dated May 8

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK, Senators BATES, MORSE, WESTLUND; Representatives BERGER, BUCKLEY, DINGFELDER, JENSON, SHIELDS

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.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution declaring access to health care as fundamental right of every legal resident of Oregon and directing Legislative Assembly to adopt plan expanding health care coverage.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 46 to be added to and made a part of Article I, such section to read:

SECTION 46. (1) Health care is an essential safeguard of human life and dignity and there is an obligation for the state to ensure that every legal resident of Oregon has access to health care as a fundamental right. The Legislative Assembly by law shall adopt a plan that incrementally expands health care coverage so that every legal resident of Oregon is able to obtain effective and affordable health care on a regular basis.

(2) A plan adopted by the Legislative Assembly under this section may not limit the right of residents to purchase their own health care coverage or health care.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

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.