

B-Engrossed
House Joint Resolution 18

Ordered by the House June 13
Including House Amendments dated May 8 and June 13

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK, Senators BATES, MORSE, WESTLUND; Representatives 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.]

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution finding that access to health care is fundamental right and directing Legislative Assembly to establish system designed to provide every legal resident of state access to effective and affordable health care.

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. The people of Oregon find that health care is an essential safeguard to human life and dignity and that access to health care is a fundamental right. In order to implement that right, the Legislative Assembly shall establish by law a system designed to provide to every legal resident of the state access to effective and affordable health care on a regular basis.

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.