

## Enrolled

# Senate Joint Resolution 24

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representatives BEYER, WITT; Senators AVAKIAN, BATES, BROWN, COURTNEY, DEVLIN, GORDLY, KRUSE, MONROE, MORRISSETTE, MORSE, NELSON, PROZANSKI, VERGER, WALKER, WESTLUND, Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, BONAMICI, BOONE, BUCKLEY, CANNON, CLEM, COWAN, DINGFELDER, C EDWARDS, D EDWARDS, GALIZIO, GELSER, GREENLICK, HOLVEY, KOMP, KOTEK, MAURER, MERKLEY, NATHANSON, NOLAN, RILEY, ROBLAN, ROSENBAUM, SCHAUFLER, TOMEI

Whereas Oregon is facing a continuing increase in population; and

Whereas Oregon's population will become increasingly older, resulting in Oregon's becoming the state with the fourth oldest population in the union; and

Whereas the Oregon health care workforce is critical to the state's economy; and

Whereas the Oregon health care workforce itself is aging; and

Whereas Oregon is facing an immediate and long-term critical shortage in the state's public and private health care workforce; and

Whereas focused efforts by organizations such as the Oregon Nursing Leadership Council, the Oregon Center for Nursing, the Community College Healthcare Action Plan, the Oregon Simulation Alliance, the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute, the Oregon Health Career Center, the Oregon Workforce Investment Board and local workforce investment boards throughout the state have resulted in significant improvements to Oregon's health care workforce; and

Whereas there has been a rich diversity of approaches across Oregon to address critical local and regional health care workforce shortages; and

Whereas the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute has been formed as a public-private partnership to coordinate efforts across the state with its many partners to address health care workforce issues; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly:

- (1) Embrace and support targeted investments in health care educational programs;
- (2) Recognize and support the leadership role of the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute and the Oregon Center for Nursing;
- (3) Encourage local and regional workforce boards to work with public and private partners to address local and regional health care workforce challenges targeted to addressing occupational shortages;
- (4) Encourage access by Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and other public program participants to entry-level health care jobs that can lead to health care careers; and
- (5) Recognize the importance of growing Oregon's health care workforce as a foundation for sound economic and health care access policy.

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

Adopted by House May 14, 2007

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Speaker of House