

Senate Joint Resolution 24

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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 **as introduced**.

Recognizes importance of health care workforce in Oregon. Acknowledges leadership role of public and private programs in supporting health care workforce education and enhancing health care workforce in Oregon. Encourages access to entry-level health care jobs, which can lead to health care careers, by public program participants.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Oregon is facing a continuing increase in population; and

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

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

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Whereas the Oregon health care workforce itself is aging; and

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

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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

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

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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,

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

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

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(1) Embrace and support targeted investments in health care educational programs;

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(2) Recognize and support the leadership role of the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute and the Oregon Center for Nursing;

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(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;

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(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

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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 (5) Recognize the importance of growing Oregon's health care workforce as a foundation for
2 sound economic and health care access policy.
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