

House Joint Resolution 18

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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**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing right of all Oregonians to equal opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives. Establishes obligation of state to ensure every legal resident of state equal access to effective, medically appropriate 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. (1) All Oregonians deserve an equal opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives, which requires equal access to effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care, a clean environment and individuals' assuming responsibility for their own health through the lifestyle and behavioral choices they make.

(2) It is therefore the obligation of the state to ensure that every legal resident of Oregon has equal access to effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right.

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.