

House Joint Resolution 54

Sponsored by Representative MAURER; Representatives HARKER, ROBLAN, Senators BATES, KRUSE

SUMMARY

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Encourages State of Oregon to support establishment of statewide network of hospitals capable of performing percutaneous coronary intervention to provide rapid and effective treatment of heart attacks.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas coronary artery disease and heart attacks remain the most prevalent killers of
3 Oregonians; and

4 Whereas a heart attack occurs when a coronary artery supplying blood to the heart muscle
5 becomes suddenly blocked; and

6 Whereas a heart attack caused by the sudden complete blockage of an artery is called an
7 ST-elevation myocardial infarction, or STEMI; and

8 Whereas a STEMI heart attack requires a quick reopening of the artery and restoration of blood
9 flow to the heart muscle to prevent irreversible heart muscle damage and a high likelihood of death
10 or permanent disability; and

11 Whereas every second counts when responding to a STEMI heart attack; and

12 Whereas research studies and quality initiatives championed by the American College of
13 Cardiology and the American Heart Association in programs known as Door-to-Balloon Alliance and
14 Mission: Lifeline have shown that the best outcomes occur if the blocked heart artery is opened
15 within 90 minutes in a procedure known as percutaneous coronary intervention, or PCI, using spe-
16 cial balloon-tipped angioplasty catheters and stents; and

17 Whereas two of the biggest challenges in ensuring that a heart attack victim arrives at the
18 hospital in time to undergo PCI are educating heart attack sufferers to call 9-1-1 as soon as possible
19 and developing streamlined regional protocols to quickly open the blocked heart artery once the
20 patient arrives at the hospital; and

21 Whereas the most effective treatment requires simultaneous coordination of emergency medical
22 services, emergency departments, cardiologists and angioplasty lab facilities, and the rapid inter-
23 hospital transfer of patients to facilities capable of performing PCI, combined with adequate emer-
24 gency medical services training, communication equipment and data management; and

25 Whereas although Oregon has 15 hospitals that are capable of performing PCI and that partic-
26 ipate in the Door-to-Balloon Alliance quality improvement initiative, many Oregon communities do
27 not have a hospital capable of performing PCI and require different strategies for optimal treatment
28 of STEMI heart attacks; and

29 Whereas the Oregon chapter of the American College of Cardiology believes that every Oregon
30 citizen is entitled to have access to the best available heart attack care regardless of where the
31 citizen lives; and

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