

Senate Bill 752

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON

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**.

Expresses legislative policy to extend coverage to all needy individuals who are eligible for medical assistance.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to health services; amending ORS 414.036.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.036 is amended to read:

5 414.036. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

6 (a) Hundreds of thousands of Oregonians have no health insurance or other coverage and lack
7 the income and resources needed to obtain health care;

8 (b) The number of persons without access to health services increases dramatically during pe-
9 riods of high unemployment;

10 (c) Without health coverage, persons who lack access to health services may receive treatment,
11 but through costly, inefficient, acute care;

12 (d) The unpaid cost of health services for such persons is shifted to paying patients, driving up
13 the cost of hospitalization and health insurance for all Oregonians; and

14 (e) The state's medical assistance program is increasingly unable to fund the health care needs
15 of low-income citizens.

16 (2) In order to provide access to health services for those in need, to contain rising health ser-
17 vices costs through appropriate incentives to providers, payers and consumers, to reduce or elimi-
18 nate cost shifting and to promote the stability of the health services delivery system and the health
19 and well-being of all Oregonians, it is the policy of the State of Oregon to provide medical assistance
20 to those individuals in need [*whose family income is below the federal poverty level and*] who are el-
21 igible for services under the programs authorized by this chapter.
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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.