

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 3 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Cannon, Harker, Hoyle, Kotek, Nathanson, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	Bruun, Maurer, Thompson
<b>Exc.:</b>	Kennemer
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing obligation of state to ensure every legal resident of state access to effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current health care crisis and the continued need for reform
- Impact of amending the Oregon Constitution
- Components of a health care benefit package
- Philosophical versus political perspective
- Alternative actions to improve access to health care for all
- Proposed amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces resolution.

**BACKGROUND:** On July 5, 2005, the Office of the Secretary of State received a certified ballot title from the Attorney General for Initiative Petition #40. The petition proposed a constitutional amendment for the November 7, 2006 general election that would have amended the Oregon Constitution requiring the state to provide access to health care as a fundamental right for every Oregon resident.

The intent of HJR 100A is to assure that all legal residents of Oregon are guaranteed equal access to effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care. Proponents state that polls indicate a large percentage of the public supports recognizing health care as a fundamental right.