

Single Payer = Hyper-Boost Oregon Economy

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For all the issues swirling around medical insurance, there is one overriding, compelling reason for single payer. — It would be a huge, huge, huge boost to the Oregon economy.

- 1) If Baby Boomers knew for sure that they could find and afford medical insurance, it would unleash a flood of entrepreneurial enterprises. We [Baby Boomers] are all stuck in jobs we don't want to do, just to keep medical insurance. Remove that worry, and I personally know two dozen professionals who would immediately take the opportunity to pursue their life dreams.
- 2) The Baby Boomers are holding onto their positions by sheer economic necessity. Free us up from worries about medical care, and we will vacate those positions for the next generation(s) to fill. It would be a tremendous economic stimulus.
- 3) The current insurance companies are blood suckers! Harsh wording, yes, but it is true. They skim 20+% off of the medical industry. They provide inadequate service. They complicate everyone's lives unnecessarily. Remove that 20% drain on the economy, and it would be a tremendous boost to Oregon quality of life and economic vitality.
- 4) The health care debate is not a rational one. If it were logical, the Chamber of Commerce lobby would be 100% in favor. Single payer would free up small companies from the burden of providing health insurance. It would allow American businesses to successfully compete in the world market. That would be a tremendous economic boost, which the Chamber of Commerce is supposedly all about.

Oregon generally leads the nation on how to effectively deliver health care. In this innovation, it can't be the first because Vermont already has instituted single payer.

Please do this excellent thing for the citizens of Oregon. Every one of us will be better off for it.



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