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I support the Oregon bill for publicly funded universal health care (HB2922) for the following reasons:

1. Funding for its operation is based on progressive income-based taxation which is the fair way to generate operating revenue
2. It covers all Oregonians
3. It provides preventive care which reduces health care costs by identifying and resolving health issues early
4. It eliminates the current burden placed on hospitals to care for the uninsured
5. It removes the connection between employment and health care coverage
6. The costly insurance industry superstructure will no longer be required and that translates into a cost-of-care saving that can be redirected to actual care