

House Concurrent Resolution 6

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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**.

Reaffirms woman's right to make reproductive decisions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the United States was founded on the principles of individual liberty, personal privacy
3 and equality, and these principles are meant to ensure that each individual is free to make the most
4 intimate decisions free from government interference and discrimination; and

5 Whereas one of the most intimate decisions a woman ever faces is the decision to choose
6 adoption, end a pregnancy or raise a child, and, as such, medical decisions must be left up to a
7 woman, her family and her faith, with the counsel of her doctor or health care provider; and

8 Whereas according to the World Health Organization, 47,000 women die each year worldwide
9 due to complications from unsafe abortions, and approximately 13 percent of all maternal deaths
10 worldwide are due to unsafe abortions; and

11 Whereas prior to the Roe v. Wade decision, an estimated 1.2 million women per year in the
12 United States were forced to resort to illegal abortions despite the known hazards that included
13 unsanitary conditions, incompetent treatment, infection, hemorrhage, disfiguration and death; and

14 Whereas according to one estimate, prior to 1973, as many as 5,000 women died each year in
15 the United States as a result of having an illegal abortion; and

16 Whereas it is vital to women's health and well-being that abortion remain a safe and legal
17 medical procedure for a woman to consider, if and when she needs it; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

18 That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, assert that a woman's per-
19 sonal medical decision-making about pregnancy is a fundamental right; and be it further
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21 Resolved, That decisions about whether to choose adoption, end a pregnancy or parent a child
22 must be left to a woman, her family and her faith, in consultation with her doctor or health care
23 provider; and be it further

24 Resolved, That abortion should remain a safe and legal medical procedure without unnecessary
25 governmental interference; and be it further

26 Resolved, That every woman deserves professional, nonjudgmental and fully confidential health
27 care, regardless of where she lives, as well as access to all methods of birth control approved by the
28 United States Food and Drug Administration.
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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.