

House Joint Resolution 18

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK

SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing obligation of state to ensure that every legal resident of state has access to effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas there are many components that contribute to good health, including the ability to
3 respond to sickness, disease and injury; and

4 Whereas achieving the goal of living a healthy life is impossible without the ability to access
5 health care; and

6 Whereas health care should be available to everyone; and

7 Whereas the lack of available health care is a barrier to opportunity, success and quality of life;
8 and

9 Whereas Oregonians should not be divided between those who can afford to be healthy and
10 those who cannot; and

11 Whereas Oregonians should not be divided between those who have hopes and dreams and those
12 whose sickness, disease or injury robs them of their hopes and dreams; now, therefore,

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

14 **PARAGRAPH 1.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section
15 46 to be added to and made a part of Article I, such section to read:

16 **SECTION 46. It is the obligation of the state to ensure that every legal resident of**
17 **Oregon has access to effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care as a funda-**
18 **mental right.**

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20 **PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the
21 people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout
22 this state.

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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.