

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1

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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**.

Supports adoption of State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias in Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Alzheimer's disease and related dementias place enormous emotional and financial
3 stress on individuals with the diseases and their family members; and

4 Whereas informal caregivers, such as family members and friends, provide the majority of care
5 for people in the community with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and

6 Whereas over 165,000 unpaid caregivers in Oregon provide over \$2.2 billion worth of unpaid
7 care each year; and

8 Whereas the intensive support required to care for a person with Alzheimer's disease or a re-
9 lated dementia can negatively impact the caregiver's health and well-being; and

10 Whereas while death rates from heart disease, cancer and stroke are gradually declining na-
11 tionally, the number of people dying of Alzheimer's disease is growing; and

12 Whereas people with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias often have other chronic health
13 conditions, and the costs associated with managing those coexisting conditions in people with
14 Alzheimer's disease or related dementias are higher as a result of cognitive impairment; and

15 Whereas the cost of long-term care for individuals with dementia is significantly higher than for
16 those without dementia; and

17 Whereas while most people with dementia live at home and receive unpaid help from family and
18 friends, older adults who have Alzheimer's disease or related dementia are twice as likely to receive
19 paid care as those without Alzheimer's disease or related dementia and they make up a large pro-
20 portion of all people who receive home care, adult day center services, assisted living care and
21 nursing home care; and

22 Whereas the State of Oregon spends significant resources on care for and support of people
23 living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and their families, to wit, Medicaid costs alone
24 in this state amount to about \$300 million per year; and

25 Whereas the State of Oregon's public resources will be crippled unless we recognize and address
26 the impacts Alzheimer's disease and related dementias have on our communities; and

27 Whereas employers in this state are also impacted by the costs of Alzheimer's disease and re-
28 lated dementias; and

29 Whereas Alzheimer's disease and related dementias cost businesses nationwide \$61 billion per
30 year in health care expenses and lost productivity; now, therefore,

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

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.

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1 That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, recognize that people with
2 Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and their families must have all of the information and
3 support they need and services delivered as effectively and efficiently as possible; and be it further

4 Resolved, That we support the adoption and implementation of the State Plan for Alzheimer's
5 Disease and Related Dementias in Oregon developed by the State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease in
6 Oregon Task Force.

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