



Holding Cover Oregon Accountable, Protecting Access to Affordable Care

EVERY OREGONIAN DESERVES ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE.

Despite the challenges, thousands of Oregonians now have access to health care coverage for the first time. This coverage is changing people's lives. Families deserve to have access to see a doctor and receive quality care without breaking the bank. This is not the time to give up—it's time to keep fighting for Oregonians and their families.

HB 4154 PROTECTS OREGONIANS WHO, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, STILL NEED ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

It's imperative that the challenges with Cover Oregon do not prevent Oregonians from getting quality, affordable health insurance. HB 4154 will ensure that Oregonians can get coverage and still receive benefits through the Affordable Care Act.

The emergency legislation includes:

- Extending coverage through the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool to high-risk Oregonians who need it the most
- Securing federal tax credits for small businesses, Oregonians who signed up through a private carrier, and those who apply by March 31



Cover Oregon is working for Oregonians like Sheri an SEIU member from Grants Pass. Just two days after her coverage took effect, Sheri needed emergency care after taking a frightening fall down the stairs. Sheri got the quality care she needed and avoided a crushing financial burden.

HB 4154 HOLDS COVER OREGON ACCOUNTABLE AND FIXES THE FLAWS IN THE SYSTEM.

Cover Oregon did not work as planned. It's time to make changes and hold the organization accountable to decision-makers and the public.

HB 4154 addresses several of the root causes of Cover Oregon's shortcomings and fixes the flaws in our system to prevent similar events in the future by:

- Holding the Board of Directors accountable
- Making sure there is a board in place that can move Cover Oregon forward

SEIU SUPPORTS ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY AT COVER OREGON.

HB 4154 bill is a step in the right direction to repair the breaks in our system and make sure similar mistakes do not happen again. However, we need to do more to bring greater accountability to Cover Oregon.

SEIU supports additional measures, including:

- Making the legislature responsible for overseeing the Cover Oregon budget
- Having the Cover Oregon Director report directly to the Governor

SEIU WILL CONTINUE TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW IS WORKING FOR OREGONIANS.

SEIU fought for more than two decades to win affordable health care. We are more determined than ever to make certain the Affordable Care Act is fully implemented. HB 4154 ensures that no one who is eligible is left out, left behind, or left on the sidelines of the Marketplace.

BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK TO BE DONE.

Recent polling shows that the majority of uninsured Americans do not know tax subsidies and financial help are available. In addition, more than two of every three Americans believe only some or none at all of the Affordable Care Act's provisions are now active and in place.

SEIU will continue working on the ground to empower Oregonians with the facts about the new health care benefits. HB 4154 is a first step to restoring Oregonians' confidence that Cover Oregon can provide the quality health care coverage they were counting on.



SEIU hosted more than 85 enrollment events across the state and successfully signed up more than 4,500 Oregonians.



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