

From the desk of
Senator Monnes Anderson



VOTE YES ON HB 2934 A: Basic Health Plan

Let's continue this important discussion

The Inclusion, Affordability, and Innovation Coalition urge your aye vote on HB 2934 A.

Since 2012, advocates have engaged the Legislature in discussion and study of the Basic Health Program option available to states under the Affordable Care Act.

A Basic Health Program allows a state to:

- Provide greater affordability to those between 138-200% of the federal poverty level;
- Cover currently excluded populations, namely Legal Present Residents (LPRs) who are barred for five years from receiving Medicaid, and the Compact of Free Association (COFA) population from the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau, who are permanently barred;
- Funding is available, utilizing the federal subsidies that would otherwise be available to individuals. The 2014 Legislative Assembly funded a study that analyzed the opportunities and financial impact of a Basic Health Program for Oregon, and we believe there is much merit in pursuing next steps.

What HB 2934 A does:

- First of all, it does not require the state to move forward with a Basic Health Program;
- Instead, HB 2934 A directs the Oregon Health Authority to convene a stakeholder group;
- The stakeholders would review existing information, including the study referenced above, current conditions, and make recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committees regarding policy, operational, and financial preferences.

We urge your support of HB 2934 A so that we can continue the important discussion about affordability and inclusion for the people of Oregon.

Joseph Santos-Lyons
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
joseph@apano.org
(971) 340-4861

John Mullin
Oregon Law Center
jmullin@oregonlawcenter.org
(503) 867-6236

