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House Joint Memorial 6

Sponsored by Representative LIVELY; Representatives KENNEMER, KOMP, NOSSE, Senators GIROD, KNOPP, KRUSE, OLSEN, STEINER HAYWARD (Presession filed.)

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas Oregon is facing a critical shortage of physicians needed to keep up with the health care needs of Oregonians; and

Whereas shortfalls in residency slots to train qualified physicians exacerbate physician shortages; and

Whereas federal policy regarding graduate medical education and residency directly impacts Oregon's ability to train physicians; and

Whereas experts agree that federal level reforms are needed to keep up with health care workforce demands in Oregon; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to remove the cap on primary care medical residency programs, to explore the creation of innovative community-based graduate medical education programs and to implement stronger planning and oversight of the use of public funds for graduate medical education.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by House March 5, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 30, 2015

Peter Courtney, President of Senate