

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Joint Resolution 203**

Ordered by the House February 9  
Including House Amendments dated February 9

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK, Senators MONNES ANDERSON, BEYER, STEINER HAYWARD; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BARNHART, BOONE, EVANS, FAHEY, GOMBERG, GORSEK, HELM, HERNANDEZ, HOLVEY, KENY-GUYER, KOTEK, LIVELY, MALSTROM, MARSH, MCLAIN, MEEK, NATHANSON, NOSSE, PILUSO, POWER, RAYFIELD, REARDON, SALINAS, SANCHEZ, SMITH WARNER, SOLLMAN, WILLIAMSON, WITT, Senators DEMBROW, FREDERICK, MANNING JR, MONROE, PROZANSKI, RILEY, TAYLOR (Presession filed.)

**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.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing obligation of state to ensure every resident of state access to [*effective*] **cost-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 47 to be added to and made a part of Article I, such section to read:

16       **SECTION 47. It is the obligation of the state to ensure that every resident of Oregon has**  
17 **access to cost-effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental**  
18 **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.