Senate Joint Memorial 2
Sponsored by Senator RILEY (at the request of Samuel Metz, M.D.) (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 as introduced.

Urges members of Oregon Congressional Delegation to cosponsor or endorse State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2018.

JOINT MEMORIAL
To the members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation:
We, your memorialists, the Eightieth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:
Whereas families in Oregon, despite best state and federal efforts, still lack access to health care and remain at risk for medical bankruptcy even if covered by insurance; and
Whereas businesses in Oregon still struggle to provide affordable health care coverage to keep employees productive and their families healthy; and
Whereas Oregon and other states seek cost-effective ways of providing better care to more people using less money; and
Whereas state health care reform efforts are impeded by multiple federal laws that govern 85 percent of health care dollars spent in Oregon; and
Whereas waivers from interfering federal laws are complex, rare or impossible; and
Whereas H.R. 6097, the State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2018, would grant the Secretary of Health and Human Services authority to offer a "super waiver" to any state that passes legislation covering at least as many people with at least as good health care benefits and without increasing the federal debt; and
Whereas H.R. 6097 would not compel Oregon to abandon its current health care system nor take any action not approved by voters or the legislature; and
Whereas passage of H.R. 6097 would allow Oregon to create health care reforms specific to Oregon’s needs and priorities rather than those of the federal government; and
Whereas Senator Ron Wyden is a leader in promoting state choice and freedom from federal interference in state health care reform; and
Whereas Representatives Earl Blumenauer and Peter DeFazio are current cosponsors of H.R. 6097; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:
That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, in order to promote Oregon’s options to improve health care in our state without impediment by federal law, call upon Oregon’s Representatives in Congress to cosponsor H.R. 6097 and Oregon’s Senators to endorse H.R. 6097; and be it further
Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to each member of the Oregon Congres-
sional Delegation.