

# HB 2360

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## PROBLEM:

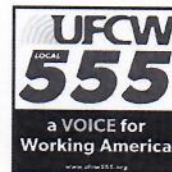
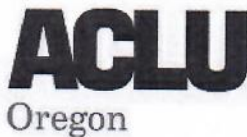
Under changes in federal law in recent years, some immigrants who want to become citizens of the United States are barred from accessing public services including Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid).

Oregon's charity care law passed in 2019 pays healthcare costs for patients who qualify for Oregon Health Plan.

However, charity care is the payer of last resort, so many hospitals have policies that ban people from accessing charity care if they don't apply for the Oregon Health Plan.

**These policies make low income immigrants choose: affordable health care or future citizenship.**

House Bill 2360 prohibits hospitals and nonprofit clinics from denying charity care to people who refuse to access the Oregon Health Plan so immigrants will never have to choose. HB 2360 protects the health of all of us.



# YES ON HB 2360