

COVER ALL PEOPLE

HB 2164 as amended / HB 3352

THE PROBLEM:

Oregonians need access to health insurance

The COVID pandemic has highlighted how important it is to have access to affordable, quality healthcare. Healthcare for everyone is a public health issue. But right now, about 6 percent of Oregonians do not have health insurance. Research shows that health insurance is important for families to access needed care and protect families from unaffordable medical care costs.

The Health Care for All Oregon Children program has created a model for a more accessible and equitable healthcare system for youth. HB 2164 / HB 3352 builds on this model to extend coverage to adults. Now is the time to extend access for vulnerable Oregonians while also fully funding the Oregon Health Plan.

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The COVID pandemic has disproportionately impacted Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in Oregon. For example, in Oregon, Latinos only make up 13% of the population but count for at least 26% of Oregon's COVID cases. Overrepresented in the ranks of essential workers, these taxpayers take on the burden of high health risks to keep our economy strong, especially during the current pandemic.

How will HB 2164 / HB 3352 help?

HB 2164 / HB 3352 would:

- Expand eligibility to adults who would, but for their immigration status, otherwise qualify for the Medicaid-funded state medical assistance program.
- Allow the Legislature to appropriate funds from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority to carry out the program.
- Invest in community outreach and engagement to support enrollment.
- Expand access to affordable health care for more Oregonians.

Cover All People would provide healthcare coverage to medically underserved communities including undocumented adults, DACA recipients, legal permanent residents, and young adults who age out of Cover All Kids who are currently excluded from health coverage. Navigating the U.S. immigration system is not easy. We should make it easy to access affordable, quality health care.

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These organizations support the passage of HB2164 / HB3352



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