

I am urging the House Health Care Committee to support SJR 12. We need to recognize the importance of health care like education and place the message that health care is a right for all residents of Oregon in our constitution. When people are ill or in crisis they need high quality care available to them not the fear that a lack of money or health coverage will mean increasing sickness and death. It is time to treat health care like roads, fires and education, as an essential service for every resident of our state. Other countries are doing it for a lot less money than our current system costs AND better outcomes. It is possible and it is time. If there is one thing this pandemic has taught us is the need to not attach healthcare to work or to financial status. Our communities will thrive when everyone can approach health from a preventative perspective and not a crisis. Please move the Hope Amendment forward.