

My name is David Still and I am a retired Mental Health and Public Health Administrator. I served as the Executive Director of Union County's designated health and human services organization, Center for Human Development. CHD's mission is "Working for Healthy Communities." I served the people of Union County for 31 years and saw the many shortcomings in our healthcare "system."

Healthcare is a human right and needs to be included explicitly in our state Constitution. Currently, healthcare is dependent on one's fortune or lack thereof and is unjust and inequitable. I spent my entire career trying to fund and build programs to meet the needs of the community, but realize this "patchwork" approach will not get us to the equity and justice everyone deserves.

SJR 12 is the first step needed and I strongly support its passage. Please pass it out of your committee for vote by the entire Senate and then the House, as soon as possible. Thank you for your service to the residents of Oregon.
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