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Oregon Progressive Party

Position on Bills at 2021 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Dear Committee:

SJR 12: Support

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) supports this Senate Joint Resolution, which would send to Oregon voters an amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing the obligation of state to ensure every resident of state access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care.

Unfortunately, SJR 12, if enacted by voters, would appear not to create an enforceable obligation of the state. Its own second subsection states:

(2) The obligation of the state described in subsection (1) of this section must be balanced against the public interest in funding public schools and other essential public services, and any remedy arising from an action brought against the state to enforce the provisions of this section may not interfere with the balance described in this subsection.

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