House Joint Memorial 2

Sponsored by Representative GRAYBER

SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to pass Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act or similar legislation.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas detecting cancer early, before it has spread throughout the body, saves lives; and

Whereas cancer that has been detected while it is still localized can be treated more effectively, and can have a five-year survival rate of approximately 90 percent compared to approximately 20 percent for cancer that has been detected after it has spread; and

Whereas diagnosing and treating cancer earlier often results in less invasive, less expensive treatments; and

Whereas the benefits of early cancer detection to Medicare beneficiaries in Oregon have been limited to just five types of cancer out of more than 100; and

Whereas more than 8,000 Oregonians died of cancer in 2022; and

Whereas 60 percent of the more than 8,400 cancer deaths estimated for Oregon in 2023 will be from types of cancer that currently have no recommended screening tests; and

Whereas age is the leading risk factor for cancer, with Americans who are 65 years of age and older being more than seven times more likely than Americans under 65 years of age to be diagnosed with cancer; and

Whereas private and academic leaders in Oregon and throughout the United States are engaged in innovative early cancer detection research, including advanced clinical trials to develop blood-based multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests; and

Whereas published data indicates that MCED tests can screen for many cancers at the same time, including rare cancers, with one promising test able to screen for more than 50 cancers; and

Whereas MCED tests can complement the Medicare-covered early detection tests enacted by Congress and extend the benefits of early detection to more cancers and more Americans, substantially transforming cancer care throughout the United States; and

Whereas Oregon congressional representatives Congressman Earl Blumenauer and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici have joined a bipartisan group of more than 250 members of Congress and 412 stakeholder organizations representing all 50 states of the United States, including many of the most respected cancer advocacy organizations in Oregon and throughout the United

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States, in support of the federal Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, or similar legislation, to establish Medicare coverage for multi-cancer early detection tests, and to continue working across party lines to reduce cancer deaths in Oregon and throughout the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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