

# 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

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

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

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

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