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Universal healthcare has been chosen in Oregon to be a right, so we need to figure out how best to implement it. This bill is just the beginning of the process of making it a reality. There already is a solid layout that ensures coverage for all while creating an organization that has its own funding source to avoid the problems that government run systems have of underfunding. This means that the healthcare organization must be able to raise money independently of government legislation while accessing current government funding sources. How this funding is obtained should involve making sure all manner of taxation can be implemented so that every resident pays their fair share while also making sure outside residents can obtain care without burdening the state system. If we get this right, Oregon can be a model not just for our nation, but all nations in the world.