

# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

## Platform Committee

1/15/2015

### **RESOLUTION 2015.05**

#### A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

*Relating to HB 3260*

WHEREAS, HB 3260, passed by the Oregon legislature in 2013 states that best system for the delivery and financing of health care in this state will be a system that (I) provides universal access to comprehensive care at the appropriate time; (II) ensures transparency and accountability; (III) enhances primary care; (IV) allows the choice of health care provider; (V) respects the primacy of the patient-provider relationship; (VI) provides for continuous improvement of health care quality and safety; (VII) reduces administrative costs; (VIII) has financing that is sufficient, fair and sustainable; (IX) ensures adequate compensation of health care providers; (X) incorporates community-based systems; (XI) includes effective cost controls; (XII) provides universal access to care even if the person is outside of Oregon; (XIII) provides seamless birth-to-death access to care; (XIV) minimizes medical errors; (XV) focuses on preventative health care; (XVI) integrates physical, dental, vision and mental health care; (XVII) includes long term care; (XVIII) provides equitable access to health care, according to a person's needs; (XIX) is affordable for individuals, families, businesses and society; and

WHEREAS, HB 3260 empowers the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to contract for a study that examines at least four options for financing privately delivered health care in Oregon, including (I) an option for a publicly financed single-payer model; (II) an option that allows a person to choose between a publicly funded plan, including a basic health program under 42 U.S.C. 18051, and private insurance coverage and allows for fair and robust competition among public plans and private insurance; (III) the current health care financing system in this state; (IV) another option with criteria detailed in HB 3260; and

WHEREAS, HB 3260 did not provide funding for the proposed study, instead calling on OHA to raise funds to conduct the study; and

WHEREAS, HB 3260 calls for a progress report on the study to the 2014 legislature, which did not happen; and

WHEREAS, HB 3260 calls for the final report on the study to be submitted by November 1, 2014 to the interim legislative committees on health care, which did not happen; and

WHEREAS, HB 3260 calls for the report to be presented to the 2015 legislature, which will not happen because the study has not been funded; and

WHEREAS, The current system under the Affordable Care Act is still not covering all Oregonians, leaves some with copays and deductibles that too greatly discourage getting proper and timely care, and is not sufficiently addressing the fact that the U.S. pays much more per person for health care than any other country in the world; and

WHEREAS, All of the policy reasons that HB 3260 was passed by the 2013 legislature and the study was important for Oregon still exist; and

WHEREAS, The platforms of the Democratic Party of Oregon and the Democratic Party of Lane County (DPLC) both support a single-payer health care system; and

WHEREAS, A bill to extend the dates of the study and fund the study has been introduced as House Bill 2828, with Senator Chris Edwards as senate sponsor.

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County Resolves:

SECTION 1. To call on the legislature to pass, in the 2015 session, a bill similar to HB 3260 that funds the study described and extends the dates appropriately;

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the entire legislative delegation from Lane County, the chairs of the health care committees in both the Oregon House and Senate, and Governor Kitzhaber.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,  
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, January 15, 2015.**

Signed:

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Chris Wig  
Chair

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Celine Swenson-Harris  
Secretary