

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

5/18/2019

RESOLUTION 2019.17

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to tobacco tax to help fund Medicaid

WHEREAS, Oregon has a substantial gap in funding for the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, only some of which has been covered by new revenue approved so far in the 2019 session; and

WHEREAS, federal Medicaid payments match state payments 9 to 1 for the expansion population; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the tobacco tax, and its application to vaping products, has been proposed as one of the mechanisms to continue funding the Medicaid expansion in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the tobacco tax will have public health benefits as well as helping to continue funding the Medicaid expansion;

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: Urge lawmakers to try increase the tobacco tax and to dedicate that increased revenue to continue to help fund the Medicaid expansion.

SECTION 2: To communicate this to appropriate legislators.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, May 18, 2019**