

RESOLUTION No. 37239

Encourage the Oregon Legislature to create a transparent public process to ensure all Oregon residents have timely access to equitable, comprehensive, high quality, and affordable health care (Resolution).

WHEREAS, there are many factors that contribute to good health, including the ability to respond to sickness, disease, and injury; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible for an individual to live a healthy life without the ability to access health care; and

WHEREAS, when all members of a community have access to health care, the risk of illness from contagious disease decreases, and employee and student absenteeism is decreased; and

WHEREAS, investment in addressing the social determinants of health and other preventative measures will yield better health outcomes than wasting health care dollars on our current complex billing and administrative systems; and

WHEREAS, a publicly funded universal health care system may help businesses and government employers by reducing costs of employee health insurance, and it may help individuals by disconnecting health care from employment; and

WHEREAS, Oregon law, in ORS 414.018, states, “it is the intention of the Legislative Assembly to achieve the goals of universal access to an adequate level of high quality health care at an affordable cost;” and

WHEREAS, during the 2013 session, the Oregon Legislature adopted HB 3260, which authorized the Oregon Health Authority to use donated funds to conduct a study examining at least four options for financing health care delivery in Oregon, and for each option evaluates the extent to which the option satisfies the criteria included in the bill that are needed for the best health care delivery and financing system; estimates the cost of implementation including anticipated costs from increased services, more patients, new facilities and savings from efficiencies; assesses the impact of implementation on the existing commercial insurance and publicly funded health care systems; estimates the net fiscal impact of implementation on individuals and businesses including the tax implications; assesses the impact of implementation on the economy of Oregon; and estimates the potential savings to local governments and government agencies that currently administer health care programs, provide health care premium subsidies or provide funding for health care services; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015 session, the Oregon Legislature adopted HB 2828, which appropriates \$300,000 from the State General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority to contract with a third party to conduct the study outlined in HB 3260, and directs the Oregon Health Authority to complete the final report by November 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon Health &

Science University, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Oregon Public Health Association, Main Street Alliance of Oregon, Health Care for All Oregon, and the Oregon Health Authority all supported HB 3260 in 2013, indicating that there is broad support for this approach to improving health care for Oregonians.

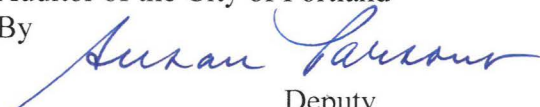
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Portland City Council encourages the Oregon Legislature to create a transparent public process for designing a system of affordable health care for families, businesses, and society.

Adopted by the Council: **OCT 19 2016**

Commissioner Steve Novick
Prepared by: Katie Shriver
Date Prepared: September 16, 2016

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

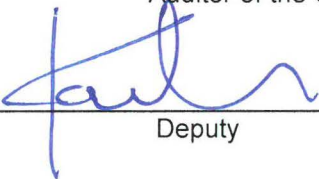
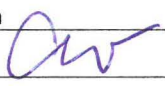
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<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Novick</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u> OCT 11 2016 </u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u></u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p>	
<p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p>	
<p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p>	
<p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p>	
<p>Position 4/Safety - Novick <u></u></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p>	
<p>Bureau: Bureau Head:</p>	
<p>Prepared by: Date Prepared:</p>	
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date 10/19/16</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 30 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	—————	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	—————	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	