MEASURE NO. _____

AMENDS CONSTITUTION: STATE MUST ENSURE AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE ACCESS, BALANCED AGAINST REQUIREMENT TO FUND SCHOOLS, OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Referred to the Electorate of Oregon by the Legislative Assembly to be voted on at the General Election, November 8, 2022.

Explanation

Ballot Measure 111 amends the Oregon Constitution by establishing the obligation of the state to ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right.

The state must balance this obligation with its other obligations to fund public schools and other essential public services.

While this measure establishes a new constitutional obligation of the state, it does not specify what the state must do to comply, how that compliance will be measured, or identify specific steps the state must undertake should this measure pass.

If a suit is brought against the state to enforce the measure, a court could not interfere with the way the state balances its obligation to fund health care with the public interest in funding public schools and other essential public services.
Certification:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that, pursuant to ORS 251.215(4), we have prepared the statement described under “Explanatory Statement.”

Rep. Barbara Smith Warner

Rep. Kim Wallan

Sen. Tim Knopp

Sen. Rob Wagner

Richard Devlin