

LC 248-EXPLAN
(SJR 12, 2021)
6/13/22 (LHF/ps)

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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

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Ballot Measure xx 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.

The measure represents an aspirational goal; it does not specify what the state must do to comply with the obligation, or how compliance with the obligation is measured.

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 ensure access to cost-effective, clinically

- 1 appropriate and affordable health care for all residents, and the public interest in funding
- 2 public schools and other essential public services.
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Certification:

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

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