

RESOLUTION NO. 6222

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OREGON HOUSE BILL 3260

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council believes that every citizen and family in our city would benefit from affordable, quality health care, and that disruptive health care costs to local economies and governments would be reduced thereby; and

WHEREAS, that even with the expected benefits of the federal Affordable Care Act and Oregon's Coordinated Care Organizations, health care costs are expected to continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, a well designed health care system could relieve businesses and city governments of their current health care costs and result in better access to health care and health outcomes for all residents of our cities and state; and

WHEREAS, as a major local employer, the City of Albany provides health insurance for over 300 employees and their families and has worked for many years to provide cost effective, responsive health care insurance and yet has still experienced rapid increases in health care premiums and expenses; and

WHEREAS, such matters as health care affordability and access ultimately are community issues with local importance and long-term impacts that strain local government budgets in diverse ways, such as public safety and school health issues; and

WHEREAS, even those people who have health insurance experience high medical debt, and medical costs are a frequent cause of filing personal bankruptcy for those who are insured as well as those who lack insurance; and

WHEREAS, health care reform efforts are aimed at improving access and affordability of health care as well as transparency of cost and performance information and provider and consumer incentives for wise use of health care and engagement in wellness and prevention; and

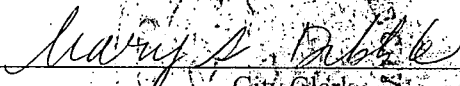
WHEREAS, health care reform efforts must address the steadily increasing costs of health care, comparing administrative costs, especially CEO salaries and benefits, and will be an essential part of that comparison;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council, in order to support access for the citizens of Albany to higher quality and effective health care, urges the Oregon state legislature to enact HB 3260 which would direct the Oregon legislature to conduct a study of relative costs and benefits among several health care plan proposals, including (a) a publicly financed, privately delivered single payer system such as used successfully by most other developed countries, (b) the current system in Oregon and the US including P-PACA and Coordinated Care Organizations created by Oregon's Health Care Transformation legislation, (c) a system allowing choice of private versus public insurance, and (d) other options to be suggested by the investigators performing the study.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY 2013.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

