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Universal Health care advances in the Oregon and U.S. legislatures!

Health Care for All Oregon works for publicly funded universal health care at both the state and national levels. Since May, we have seen advances on both fronts:

On May 17, bills were introduced in both houses of Congress to establish a universal health care system.

On June 6, the Oregon Joint Ways and Means Committee voted to send SB 1089 to both chambers with a "do-pass" recommendation to refer it to the full legislature. The bill would establish a Universal Health Plan Governing Board that would write detailed recommendations for legislation creating a state-based system and, once the system is established, oversee its operations.

While a national system would be more efficient than state-based plans with less bargaining power, many believe that industry influence over Congress will make that impossible. State based systems are projected to provide great savings, and the efforts to pass them around the country are hoped to result in mounting pressure to create a national system.

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