



# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

## NEWS RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release:**  
June 3, 2005

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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on June 3, 2005, for initiative petition #40, proposing a constitutional amendment, for the General Election of November 7, 2006.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

**AMENDS CONSTITUTION: REQUIRES ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AS  
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT; LEGISLATURE MUST ADOPT PLAN EXPANDING  
HEALTH CARE**

**RESULT OF "YES" VOTE:** "Yes" vote requires state to ensure access to health care as fundamental right; legislature must adopt plan that expands health care coverage for Oregon residents.

**RESULT OF "NO" VOTE:** "No" vote retains current law, which does not require access to health care as fundamental right or require legislature to adopt plan expanding health care.

**SUMMARY:** Amends constitution. Currently, statutes establish goals for universal health care; state constitution does not require legislature to adopt health care plan. Measure requires state to provide access to health care as fundamental right for every Oregon resident; legislature must adopt plan that incrementally expands health care coverage so Oregon residents can regularly obtain effective, affordable health care. In developing plan, legislature must consider ways to: conserve, strengthen existing health care system; conserve, strengthen system of providing health insurance as employment benefit; encourage individual responsibility for health care; maximize use of federal programs; encourage efficient, effective use of expenditures; improve health of every Oregon resident. Plan must be adopted not later than July 1, 2009; repeals requirement to adopt plan on December 31, 2012. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Mitch Greenlick, 712 NW Spring Ave., Portland, OR 97229, Alan Bates, 465 Williamson Way, Ashland, OR 97520 and Ben Westlund, 20590 Arrowhead Dr., Bend, OR 97520.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141, State Capitol for \$.25. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$1.00 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

There now follows an appeal period of 10 business days during which any member of the public may submit written comments which address the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet to the Secretary of State's office. This period ends June 17, 2005. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

The Secretary of State will deliver all written comments to the Attorney General. If comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after receiving the comments from the Secretary of State. If no comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the fifth business day after the deadline for submitting comments.

In addition, during this ballot title comment period, the Secretary of State will also seek statements from interested persons regarding whether or not a proposed initiative petition complies with procedural constitutional requirements for submission of proposed initiative petitions. The Secretary will consider the information provided in the statements received from interested persons. If you wish to comment, this period ends June 17, 2005. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

Any elector who is dissatisfied with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General, and who timely submitted written comments which addressed the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet, may petition the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a different title. This appeal must be filed not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after the Attorney General certifies a ballot title to the Secretary of State.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2006 general election ballot is 100,840. These signatures must be filed in this office not later than July 7, 2006.



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APPELLATE DIVISION

June 3, 2005

John Lindback  
Director, Elections Division  
Office of the Secretary of State  
141 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97310

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SECRETARY OF THE STATE

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Amends Constitution: Requires Access To Health Care  
As Fundamental Right; Legislature Must Adopt Plan Expanding Health Care  
DOJ File #BT-40-05; Elections Division #40

Dear Mr. Lindback:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to amending the constitution to require access to health care as a fundamental right, and to require the legislature to adopt a plan for expanding health care.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Misty Kintz  
Legal Secretary

RPK:mlk/APP80381

Enclosure

c: Peter Shepherd, Deputy Attorney General  
Don Arnold, General Counsel Division  
Steve Wolf, General Counsel Division

Representative Mitch Greenlick  
712 NW Spring Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97229

Senator Alan Bates  
465 Williamson Way  
Ashland, Oregon 97520

Senator Ben Westlund  
20590 Arrowhead Drive  
Bend, Oregon 97701

**DRAFT BALLOT TITLE**

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