

House Joint Memorial 4

Sponsored by Representative NELSON

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to enact legislation creating federal database accessible to physicians and patients that contains positive and negative results of all clinical drug trials.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas revelations in the news have raised serious concerns that some pharmaceutical companies have failed to properly disclose important information to the public about the safety of certain drugs, including Paxil and Vioxx; and

Whereas physicians and patients are bombarded every day by advertisements for prescription drugs but frequently do not have access to information about the safety of some prescription drugs; and

Whereas physicians can make sound medical decisions and provide their patients with the best possible care only if they have access to complete and accurate scientific data; and

Whereas patients who enroll in clinical drug trials give up some control of their personal medical decisions and subject themselves to potential harm in the belief that their participation in the clinical drug trial will advance medical knowledge and unlock the secrets of a disease; and

Whereas if the results of the clinical drug trial are not disclosed to physicians and patients, any knowledge gained from subjecting patients to risk is lost; and

Whereas mandatory registration of all clinical drug trials and the positive and negative results of clinical drug trials in a centralized federal database would ensure that physicians and patients have access to the information they need to make sound medical decisions; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that establishes a centralized database for clinical drug trial results and that requires clinical drug trial researchers to register their clinical drug trials in the database and to report the results at the conclusion of the trial; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.