

**Minority Report**  
**A-Engrossed**  
**House Resolution 3**

Ordered by the House June 3  
Including House Minority Report Amendments dated June 3

Sponsored by nonconcurring members of the House Committee on Environment: Representatives NOLAN, BARNHART

**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.

*[Declares that state agencies should not adopt controls of greenhouse gas emissions unless required by state or federal law.]*

**Declares that members of House of Representatives are committed to helping ensure that prescription medicines should be as affordable and accessible as possible. Declares that state agencies should assist Oregon families in reducing out-of-pocket cost of obtaining prescription medicines.**

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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2       Whereas the cost of prescription medicine needed by Oregonians to stay healthy has increased  
3 by more than 10 percent annually over the past eight years, yet personal income has increased by  
4 an average of only five percent annually in that time; and

5       Whereas at least 750,000 Oregonians have no insurance coverage for prescription medicines and  
6 must cover the full cost of life-saving medicines and other prescriptions from family funds that are  
7 needed to pay for basic living expenses such as rent, food and utilities; and

8       Whereas half of all families in Oregon who lack health insurance cannot afford the cost of pre-  
9 scription medicine and are forced to deprive at least one family member of necessary prescription  
10 medicines each year; now, therefore,

11 **Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:**

12       That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third Legislative Assem-  
13 bly, declare that we are committed to helping ensure that prescription medicines that save lives and  
14 that improve the quality and productivity of lives should be as affordable and as accessible to all  
15 Oregonians as possible; and be it further

16       Resolved, That we declare that state agencies should do everything within their power, con-  
17 sistent with the statutory authority granted to them and within the budgets approved for them, to  
18 assist Oregon families in reducing the out-of-pocket cost of obtaining the prescription medicines they  
19 need to live healthy, productive and long lives.  
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**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.