

HOUSE MINORITY REPORT AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 3

June 3

Speaker Minnis:

A minority of your Committee on Environment, to whom was referred House Resolution 3, having had the same under consideration, respectfully reports it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

1 Delete lines 2 through 24 of the printed resolution and insert:

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
6 and must cover the full cost of life-saving medicines and other prescriptions from family funds that
7 are 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
9 prescription medicine and are forced to deprive at least one family member of necessary prescription
10 medicines each year; now, therefore,”.

11 Delete lines 26 through 28 and insert:

12 “That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third Legislative As-
13 sembly, declare that we are committed to helping ensure that prescription medicines that save lives
14 and that improve the quality and productivity of lives should be as affordable and as accessible to
15 all 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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/s/ Mary Nolan
Representative

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/s/ Phil Barnhart
Representative

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