

# Media Advisory

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Port of Astoria  
422 Gateway Ave. - Astoria

## Town Hall on Health Care Announced Hosted by Senator Betsy Johnson & Representative Brad Witt

Health care access is an exceedingly timely concern both nationally and locally. Come participate in a broad exchange of ideas regarding health care policy and services in Oregon. Everyone has a stake in this important topic.

This is the first of three town halls to be held in our area. The second meeting to be held April 10, will focus on Education; and the third on May 1, will be devoted to Jobs and Economic Development.

Panel of Health Care Advocates to join discussion and answer your questions:

- Where do I get health care for my family.
- Do I qualify for OHP
- How do I get help with my prescriptions.
- How will the changes made in Washington affect me and my family?
- What is School Based Health Care

“Absent health insurance, most families are one medical procedure away from bankruptcy,” said Rep. Brad Witt. “That is what makes this discussion so vitally important.”

“Access to affordable and available health care is a huge issue for families, employers who provide coverage, and our aging population.” said Senator Johnson, “I am glad to have the opportunity to discuss what works and what doesn’t.”

In Astoria our special guests include:

Jeanene Smith, M.D., Administrator, Office of Health Policy and Research

Ellen Pinney, Director, Oregon Health Action Committee

Jim Coffee, M.P.A., CEO, Coastal Family Health Center

Guest Hospital Worker