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OREGON HEALTH SUMMIT 2008 TO EXPLORE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

(Salem, Ore.) -- More than 200 Oregon policy makers, health care providers, business leaders, reformers and advocates from around the state will convene at the Oregon Health Summit 2008, to be held at the Salem Conference Center on Wednesday, Jan. 16, beginning at 8 a.m.

According to State Sen. Jackie Winters (R-Salem), committee chair and moderator of the event, participants will gather to discover Oregon's opportunity to harness the thinking and action that can create private and public approaches to health reform. "With passage of significant legislation during the 2007 session, we are paving the way to reform our approach to health care here in Oregon, which will in turn shape our future," says Winters. "Now we must have the conversation that will lead to effective public and private partnerships that are vital to our newly launched reform efforts."

The summit will focus on the development of Senate Bill 329 and other recently passed legislation that will increase Oregonians' access to health coverage. Local and national speakers from Massachusetts, Colorado and California will present reform case studies that may guide legislators and policymakers in the February 2008 supplemental Legislative session.

"As we observe many states working toward reform, and with 2008 being a presidential election year, Oregonians have the opportunity to frame the national debate," says Winters. Other topics include presentations and interactive discussions on workforce development, universal coverage, waivers, clinical efficiency, and the ramifications of the defeat of Measure 50. Measure 50 sought to authorize a higher tobacco tax which would have paid for limited health care coverage for children, but the measure was defeated in the November 2007 state general election.

The speakers and agenda for the [Oregon Health Summit 2008](http://www.oregonhealthsummit.org) include:

8 a.m.

State Sen. Jackie Winters - *Welcome and introductions*

8:25 a.m.

Andrew Dyke, Ph.D., economist, ECONorthwest

The economic realities facing health care reform in Oregon

Arnold Milstein, M.D., medical director, Pacific Business Group on Health, and chief physician, Mercer Health & Benefits

Cows and clinical efficiency breakthrough

9:10 a.m.

Barney Speight, executive director, Oregon Health Fund Board

The framework SB 329 and the point of departure: What will be the intersection of public and private efforts?

Bruce Goldberg, M.D., director, Oregon Department of Human Services

Oregon and federal health policy: It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future

10 a.m.

Ted Kulongoski, Governor of Oregon

Beyond Measure 50: What's our collective responsibility for children's health in Oregon?

10:20 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.

Jeff Kruse, state senator, co-owner of Kruse Farms, and panel moderator

Joe Robertson, M.D., president, Oregon Health & Science University

Ron Maurer, state representative and co-owner of Rogue River Health Clinic

Faye Melius, R.N., M.S., Oregon Council of Associate Degree Programs, and chair of associate degree nursing programs at Linn Benton Community College

[Panel] Workforce development and labor shortages: How public and private partnerships are developing to create more medical training opportunities in Oregon

11:15 a.m.

Rick Ramsay, vice president for state affairs, America's Health Insurance Plans

Helen Flaherty Luce – former primary staff for Massachusetts reform legislation, and senior policy advisor for government relations, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

Mark Wallace, M.D. – vice chair of Colorado's 208 Commission, and president of the North Colorado Health Alliance

Brent Barnhart – senior counsel for government relations, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan

[Panel] Reform Nation: The view from outside

12 p.m.

Lunch and networking

12:30 p.m.

Joe Quinn, senior director of state healthcare policy, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

[Keynote] Healthy Wal-Mart: Building public and private partnerships through expanded coverage for employees and increased access for customers in Oregon communities

1:15 p.m.

Steve Gregg, health policy leader, co-founder of the Oregon Health Assessment Project, and panel moderator

Alan Bates, D.O., state senator and practicing physician

Alisha Hopper, executive director, Central Oregon Health Collaborative

Leslie Frane, executive director, SEIU Local 503 OPEU

J. Bart McMullan, Jr., M.D., president, Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon

Clifford Sanford, M.D., family practitioner, rural physician

[Panel] Tough questions on universal coverage

For more information about the Oregon Health Summit 2008, contact

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Legislators co-hosting the summit with Sen. Winters include Sens. Brad Avakian, Ted Ferrioli, Avel Gordly, Jeff Kruse, Bill Morrisette, Kurt Schrader, Joanne Verger, Vicki Walker, and Doug Whitsett, and Reps. Vicki Berger, Deborah Boone, Kevin Cameron, Chris Edwards, Bruce Hanna, Ron Maurer, Susan Morgan, Chip Shields, Patti Smith, and Kim Thatcher.

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