

*Historic Legislation Passes, Will Reduce Deficit and Provide Quality, Affordable Care* \_\_ \_\_ Washington, DC - Rep. Earl Blumenauer voted tonight to pass the Affordable Health Care for America Act (H.R. 3962), which passed the House by a vote of 220-215. The bill includes a public option, adds coverage for 37 million people, insures 96% of Americans, and provides advance care planning - a provision Blumenauer authored - all while reducing the deficit.

### **Following is a statement from Rep. Blumenauer:**

"Tonight I voted for every Oregonian who has faced bankruptcy when they've lost their care or has been denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition. Tonight, I voted to protect every Oregonian who has health insurance but sees their costs rising every year.

"Passage of the Affordable Health Care for America Act marks the most important single step in 100 years in addressing the health care needs of American families. For the first time, the US government has dealt comprehensively with the entire health care system.

"I'm pleased we were successful in the incorporation of major reforms, improving care for all Americans while strengthening the position of Oregon medical care providers.

"This critical milestone, while historic, signals more hard work ahead to get the bill to the President's desk. I will work to strengthen the reforms while fighting to lower costs to make health care more affordable for families and the federal treasury.

"We must then be prepared to keep working to implement this sweeping change. But tonight we should all pause to celebrate this moment in history."

Visit Rep. Blumenauer's website for more information on the [Affordable Health Care for Americans Act](#).