

RESOLUTION REGARDING A UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

for consideration by the 34th District Democrats
District Meeting of March 12, 2008

The United States is alone among industrialized nations in not having a health care system. We pay more per person for health care than any other nation in the world, but our health ranks near the bottom compared with other developed countries. This proposed legislation will result in a health care system based on what works instead of one based on politics.

The following resolution, submitted by Henry Perrin, will be considered at the March meeting of the 34th District Democrats.

Whereas: Universal Health Care is in the best interests of the United States of America, it's residents, and businesses; and

Whereas: Political gridlock limits the ability to implement an effective Universal Health Care Systems at the present time; and

Whereas: The opportunity exists to develop a Health Care System based on pilot programs run by states to determine what works best for the country as a whole.

Therefore, be it resolved that the 34th District Democrats supports the proposed legislation entitled "How to Get Universal Health Care in Eight Years" as attached to this resolution;

And be it further resolved that the King County Democratic Convention will pass this resolution on to the State and National Democratic Conventions for adoption by these bodies.

Following is a summary of the proposed legislation:

In the first two years, five states will be selected for health care pilot programs based on competitive applications. Each state will choose what type of health care system they want and will be responsible for running the programs. There will be only two requirements: the state must provide some of the funding, and everyone in the state must get health care. States with populations over 15 million will be excluded from this initial program to control costs.

The five states will begin their programs during years 3 and 4.

The federal government will complete an assessment of the five pilot programs in the fifth year. The five states will continue their programs and continue to receive federal grants.

Funding will be expanded during years 6, 7 & 8 so that by the end of the eighth year there is universal health care in the United States. The final system will be based on the year 5 assessments, and could either be a single system run by the federal government or multiple systems run by the states.