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Oregon House Democrats: Proposed Health Insurance Rate Hikes Will Hit Families Hard

SALEM, Ore. — Members of the Oregon House Democrats are raising the alarm after state financial regulators signaled they will approve double-digit health insurance premium increases for 2027, with individual marketplace plans rising by an average of 16% and small business plans by 15.5%. Regulators have tied the increases in part to Republican Congress member's decision not to extend enhanced Affordable Care Act tax credits, changes that will make coverage less affordable for tens of thousands of Oregonians.

Rep. Lesly Muñoz (D-Woodburn/NE Salem)

"These increases are a direct result of Trump's tax giveaway to his billionaire cronies. When we cut people off of health insurance, it drives everyone else's premiums up. Why are we increasing costs on everyday people so Trump's donors can enrich themselves?"

Rep. Lamar Wise (D-Portland)

"This is the kind of care people count on and it's landing right as the cost of living keeps climbing for working families across Oregon. Between rent, groceries, gas, and now health insurance, people who have done everything right are no longer able to afford the basics."

Rep. Sue Rieke Smith (D-Wilsonville/Sherwood/King City)

"As a former superintendent, I saw firsthand how rising insurance costs strain school budgets already stretched thin. When premiums go up like this, it's not just families feeling the squeeze; it's our schools, our small businesses, and every institution trying to balance a budget while taking care of the people who depend on them."

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