


City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SHENG THAO,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS, COUNCILMEMBER
CARROLL FIFE, AND COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1400 (KALRA, LEE, & SANTIAGO), THE CALCARE ACT, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSAL SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE PROGRAM AND A HEALTH CARE COST CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE

WHEREAS, every Californian has a right, and should have access, to affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, while the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a rise in the cost of health care and health care coverage in recent years, including rising premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks and high out-of-network charges; and

WHEREAS, businesses have also experienced increases in the costs of health care benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1400 (AB 1400) would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program (CalCare), a "comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system" for the benefit of all Californian residents; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, universal, single-payer health insurance program would provide coverage for residents of California based on residency status instead of employment or income status; and

WHEREAS, a single-payer healthcare system should eliminate unaffordable co-pays and deductibles and provide more access to healthcare for lower average costs; and

WHEREAS, a single-payer healthcare system should give consumers the freedom to choose their doctor, and would manage prescription drug costs; and

WHEREAS, AB 1400 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council endorses Assembly Bill 1400, the CalCare Act, to guide the State of California toward a comprehensive, universal, single-payer health insurance program accessible to all residents of the State of California.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California