

Oregonians rally for universal health care

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Alex Watson, left, helps Rosemary Powers take a selfie and send it to state legislators at the Health Care for All Oregon rally in La Grande on Wednesday. (Cherise Kaechele/The Observer)

Hundreds of Oregonians rallied at the capitol steps and across the state to promote a single-payer health care system on Wednesday.

Arriving by the busload in Salem, supporters of Health Care for All petitioned lawmakers to sign on to legislation that would further the goal of universal care in Oregon.

Health Care for All Oregon is advocating for two pieces of legislation this session. HB 2828 extends the timeline of the HB 3260 health care financing study, passed in 2013, and requests funding to complete the study of four alternative models of achieving universal health care in the state. They also hope to reintroduce the "Health Care for All Oregon Plan" with a goal of gaining 36 co-sponsors. More than 20 people traveled from La Grande to Salem, where they met with local delegates, state Rep. Greg Barreto and Sen. Bill Hansell.

For the complete story, please see Friday's edition of The Observer.
