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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8206**

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**By** Senators Hasegawa, Chapman, Lias, Lovelett, Nobles, Saldaña, Slatter, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, a new Article to  
6 the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as follows:

7 ARTICLE XXXIII

8 RIGHT TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

9 SECTION 1 RIGHT TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE. (1) It is the  
10 obligation of the state to ensure that every resident of Washington  
11 has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate, and affordable  
12 health care as a fundamental right.

13 (2) The obligation of the state described in subsection (1) of  
14 this section must be balanced against the public interest in funding  
15 other essential public services, and any remedy arising from an  
16 action brought against the state to enforce the provisions of this  
17 section may not interfere with the balance described in this  
18 subsection.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
20 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four

1 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every  
2 legal newspaper in the state.

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