

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/18, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates May of each year as Lupus Awareness Month. Designates May 10, 2011 as Oregon Lupus Day. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for lupus awareness and education
- Impact on Oregonians
- Background on Molly's Fund
- Characteristics of lupus

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Lupus is a debilitating autoimmune disease that attacks various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, heart, lungs, blood, kidneys and brain. It affects more than five million people worldwide and an estimated 20,000 Oregonians. Nearly 100,000 people are newly diagnosed with lupus each year, the majority of whom are women of childbearing age. Additionally, lupus is more prevalent among African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians.