

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/2

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effects of lupus
- Difficulty of diagnosis
- Importance of early diagnosis
- What it is like to live with 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 great majority of whom are women of childbearing age. Lupus also is more prevalent among African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians. Thousands of people die from lupus each year because a cure remains elusive.