

Senate Bill 348

Sponsored by Senator ROSENBAUM, Representative TOMEI (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Designates May of each year Lupus Awareness Month and makes May 10, 2011, Oregon Lupus Day.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to lupus awareness; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas lupus is a debilitating autoimmune disease that attacks various parts of the body, in-
4 cluding the skin, joints, heart, lungs, blood, kidneys and brain, and, in some cases, causes death; and

5 Whereas more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this inflam-
6 matory illness, and each year more than 100,000 people are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great
7 majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

8 Whereas an estimated 20,000 Oregonians are affected by lupus; and

9 Whereas lupus is more prevalent among African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and
10 Asians; and

11 Whereas thousands of people die from lupus each year because a cure remains elusive; and

12 Whereas medical research into lupus and into treatments that are safer and more effective for
13 patients with lupus is underfunded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and se-
14 verity; and

15 Whereas many physicians in this country and around the world are unaware of the symptoms
16 and health effects of lupus, causing many people to suffer needlessly for years before obtaining the
17 correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

18 Whereas there is a deep, unmet need in Oregon and worldwide to educate and support individ-
19 uals and families affected by lupus and its physical and emotional impacts; now, therefore,

20 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

21 **SECTION 1. May of each year shall be known as Lupus Awareness Month.**

22 **SECTION 2. May 10, 2011, shall be known as Oregon Lupus Day.**

23 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.**

24 **SECTION 4. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
25 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
26 on its passage.**

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