

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates November of each year Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is the occurrence of chronic bronchitis or emphysema which works to progressively narrow airways. Over 175 thousand Oregonians have been diagnosed with COPD, and it is now the third leading cause of death both in Oregon and nationally. The National Institutes of Health estimated the total healthcare costs of COPD nationally to be \$29.5 billion in 2010, and an additional \$20.4 billion in lost productivity. Proponents assert that increased public awareness encourages early detection and proper health management, which slows progression of the disease and can lead to reduced costs, improved quality of life and self-sufficiency for Oregonians who suffer from COPD.