

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates:	4/22

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Causes of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- COPD statistics
- COPD is underdiagnosed
- Personal experience with COPD

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is the occurrence of chronic bronchitis or emphysema, which progressively narrows an individual's airways. Over 175,000 Oregonians have been diagnosed with COPD and it is now the third leading cause of death both in Oregon and nationally. The National Institute of Health estimates the total healthcare costs of COPD nationally in 2010 to be \$29.5 billion, with an additional \$20.4 billion in lost productivity. Supporters assert that increased public awareness encourages early detection and proper health management, which can slow the progression of the disease and can lead to reduced costs, improved quality of life and self-sufficiency for Oregonians who are diagnosed with COPD.