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Meeting Dates:	2/6

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 70 percent of COPD patients are under age 65
- COPD is under-diagnosed and the high cost of treatment is largely due to unnecessary hospitalization
- COPD destroys the walls of the alveoli, making it difficult to exhale
- Smoking is the cause of 90 percent of COPD cases
- Personal COPD experience

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is the occurrence of chronic bronchitis or emphysema which works to progressively narrow 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, and an additional \$20.4 billion in lost productivity. Proponents 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.

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