

House Bill 3128

Sponsored by Representative REARDON; Representatives GOMBERG, GORSEK, KENY-GUYER, VEGA PEDERSON, Senators MONROE, THOMSEN (at the request of Charmayne Bischel)

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 March of each year as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month.

3 Whereas Multiple System Atrophy is a fatal neurological disease diagnosed in approximately
4 15,000 patients in the United States; and

5 Whereas as many as 35,000 more patients in the United States with Multiple System Atrophy
6 are misdiagnosed with other more recognizable neurodegenerative disorders; and

7 Whereas patients with Multiple System Atrophy lose the ability to walk, talk, chew, swallow
8 and even breathe over the course of a few years; and

9 Whereas the incidence of Multiple System Atrophy in the United States has increased in recent
10 years; and

11 Whereas no specific risk factors or causes of Multiple System Atrophy have been identified; and

12 Whereas there is currently no cure for Multiple System Atrophy; and

13 Whereas the lack of awareness about Multiple System Atrophy has hindered research and the
14 ability of researchers to obtain funding for their work; and

15 Whereas public support and greater awareness of the need for research funding can aid in the
16 discovery of the cause of and a cure for Multiple System Atrophy; now, therefore,

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

18 **SECTION 1.** **March of each year is designated as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness**
19 **Month to increase public awareness of this progressive neurodegenerative disorder that af-**
20 **fects the autonomic functions of the body.**

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