

House Concurrent Resolution 17

Sponsored by Representative BOONE (at the request of Lorren Sandt)

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**.

Declares commitment of Legislative Assembly to making lung cancer awareness public health priority.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas an estimated 226,160 new cases of lung cancer were expected to be diagnosed in 2012, accounting for nearly 14 percent of cancer diagnoses in the United States; and

Whereas lung cancer accounts for more deaths per year than any other cancer in both men and women, and an estimated 160,340 deaths due to lung cancer were expected to occur in 2012, accounting for nearly 28 percent of all cancer-related deaths; and

Whereas lung cancer is the leading cancer-related killer in the United States and in Oregon; and

Whereas in 2012, 2,920 new cases of lung cancer were expected to be diagnosed in Oregon; and

Whereas up to 15 percent of lung cancer cases occur in people who have never smoked and over 40 percent occur in those who have previously ceased smoking; and

Whereas radon exposure accounts for approximately 9 to 13 percent of lung cancer cases; and

Whereas early detection of lung cancer can dramatically improve survival rates, but only 15 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed in early stages; and

Whereas funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of other cancers; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, are committed to making lung cancer a public health priority by supporting advocacy work on behalf of lung cancer patients, those at risk for the disease and those in our communities who are affected by lung cancer.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.