

**HB 2317 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/29

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) awareness month in Oregon.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact.*

*FISCAL: No fiscal impact.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the National Institute of Health, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a group of rare neurological diseases that involve cells responsible for controlling voluntary muscle movement. The disease is progressive with no cure currently available. Furthermore, there is no known cause of ALS. In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated approximately 14,000-15,000 individuals were diagnosed with ALS in the United States. Individuals who develop ALS are between the ages of 40 and 70.

House Bill 2317 designates May as ALS Awareness Month in Oregon.