

**HB 2317 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Doherty, Rep.  
Bonham

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 01/29/19

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 11-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 11 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/29

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month in Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Progressive nature of ALS
- Importance of public awareness to support new treatments and a cure for ALS
- Oregonians living with ALS

**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. There is no known cause and the disease is progressive with no cure. 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 mostly between the ages of 40 and 70.

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