

**HB 2510 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Linthicum

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 04/15/19

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Fagan, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

**Exc:** 1 - Knopp

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates October 9 of each year as pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS)/pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) Awareness Day. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment
- Impacts of delays in treatment
- Governor's declarations last two years
- Prevalence of PANDAS/PANS

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) is characterized by obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and/or tic disorders that suddenly appear or worsen following a streptococcal infection. PANDAS typically appears in children from ages 3 to 12 and, since there is no lab test, relies on a clinical diagnosis. Since the underlying cause of PANDAS is a strep infection, antibiotics offer the best treatment for acute episodes. Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) is a newer term used to describe the larger class of acute-onset OCD without an underlying strep infection.

House Bill 2510 creates PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day in Oregon on October 9 of each year.