

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 33

Sponsored by Senators WINTERS, STEINER HAYWARD; Senator HANSELL

## SUMMARY

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Declares that lung cancer is public health priority.  
Urges increased awareness of risk factors, screening options and treatment alternatives.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in Oregon, the United States and the world; and

Whereas lung cancer takes approximately 150,000 lives in the United States annually, which is more than from breast, colorectal and prostate cancers combined; and

Whereas lung cancer accounts for approximately 25 percent of all cancer-related deaths; and

Whereas 50 percent more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer; and

Whereas more than 200,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed in 2019, most at an advanced stage due to the lack of standardized screening for early detection and a failure to recognize early symptoms; and

Whereas approximately one in 15 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer during their lifetime; and

Whereas approximately 20 percent of those with lung cancer have never smoked, and nonsmokers are most likely to be diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer; and

Whereas small cell lung cancer is almost uniformly diagnosed in smokers or former smokers, and 13 percent of all lung cancer diagnoses are small cell lung cancer; and

Whereas there are significant disparities in lung cancer incidence and survival rates across gender, race and ethnicity; and

Whereas lung cancer screenings can find abnormal tissues or lung cancer at an early stage, before a person has symptoms; and

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

Whereas research for an early diagnostic test and more effective treatments are crucial in the fight against lung cancer; and

Whereas lung cancer research has been chronically underfunded in proportion to its public health impact, and trails far behind funding for research on other cancers; and

Whereas the devastating effects of lung cancer on Oregonians can be minimized through increased public awareness about risks, screening and treatment; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, are committed to making lung cancer a public health priority; and be it further

**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.

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1       Resolved, That we recognize the importance of increasing awareness and understanding of lung  
2 cancer in order to lessen the associated stigma and to promote the appropriate use of resources to  
3 help fight lung cancer; and be it further

4       Resolved, That we urge all Oregonians to increase their awareness of the risk factors, screening  
5 options and treatment alternatives for lung cancer and to offer compassion to those afflicted by this  
6 deadly disease.

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