House Bill 2017

Sponsored by Representative OWENS (at the request of Tera Bales) (Presession filed.)

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.

Designates September of each year as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

Whereas an unruptured brain aneurysm can lead to double vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, weakness, loss of balance, incoordination and speech problems; and

Whereas 1 in 50 people in the United States has an unruptured brain aneurysm; and

Whereas a brain aneurysm is often discovered when it ruptures and causes a subarachnoid hemorrhage; and

Whereas a subarachnoid hemorrhage can lead to brain damage, hydrocephalus, stroke and death; and

Whereas each year, more than 30,000 people in the United States suffer from ruptured brain aneurysms, and approximately half of these people die as a result; and

Whereas annually, between 3,000 and 4,500 people in the United States with ruptured brain aneurysms die before reaching the hospital; and

Whereas a number of advancements have been made in recent years that improve the detection of aneurysms, including computerized tomography scans, magnetic resonance imaging and cerebral arteriograms; and

Whereas early detection can save lives; and

Whereas various research studies are currently being conducted in the United States in order to better understand, prevent and treat brain aneurysms; and

Whereas organizations such as the Brain Aneurysm Foundation serve as global leaders for brain aneurysm education, support, advocacy and research funding; and

Whereas the devastating effects of brain aneurysms on Oregonians can be minimized through increased public awareness about prevention, detection and treatment; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. September of each year is designated as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

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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