

HB 2317 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates May of each year as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated that between 14,000-15,000 Americans have ALS. Although ALS can strike at any age, symptoms most commonly develop between the ages of 55 and 75. Early symptoms of ALS include muscle weakness or stiffness, gradually impairing the brain's ability to initiate and control voluntary movements. ALS is a progressive disease for which there currently is no cure.

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