

HB 2510 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/15

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.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The National Institute of Mental Health defines pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) as pediatric disorders that often appear in childhood from age 3 to 12. PANDAS is a clinical diagnosis based on assessment of diagnostic criteria by a health care professional. Symptoms may include motor or vocal tics, obsessions, compulsions, or a combination of these. PANDAS is diagnosed in children who experience a sudden and dramatic onset or worsening of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and/or tic disorders following a streptococcal infection. Children diagnosed with PANDAS may also experience anxiety, inattention, trouble sleeping, and changes in motor skills, among other symptoms.

A distinction between PANDAS and PANS is that children diagnosed with PANS have no association with an underlying streptococcal infection. Both PANDAS and PANS are described in the medical literature as episodic conditions, and diagnosed individuals are expected to experience periods of symptom reduction or remission.

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

HHC Vote: 11-0

House Floor Vote: 55-0