

House Bill 2017

Sponsored by Representative OWENS (at the request of Tera Bales) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Designates September of each year as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 Whereas early detection can save lives; and

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

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

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

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

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

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