

HB 4135 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure designates March 4th of each year as HPV Awareness Day. It declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection and a leading cause of several preventable cancers, including cervical, vaginal, vulvar, anal, and penile cancers. Many people who become infected with HPV are asymptomatic and do not know they have it. Many Oregonians remain unaware of when vaccinations or screenings are recommended, and increasing public understanding of these guidelines is essential to improving early detection and prevention.

The measure encourages the Oregon Health Authority to recognize HPV Awareness Day each year through voluntary public education and outreach activities, and encourages local public health authorities, community clinics, county health departments, school-based health centers, educators and youth-serving organizations to participate in HPV Awareness Day by sharing medically accurate, age-appropriate, and culturally responsive information on HPV prevention and cervical cancer screening.