

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1826

A RESOLUTION encouraging the creation of a Kansas plan for comprehensive treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

WHEREAS, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a chronic disease of the lung which cannot be cured; and

WHEREAS, At least 24 million Americans have COPD and data suggest that as many as 12 million more Americans may have the symptoms of COPD but are undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, COPD was the fourth leading cause of death in the year 2000 and is projected to be the third leading cause of death in the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, Costs attributed to COPD were projected to be \$49.9 billion in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 70% of individuals living with COPD are under age 65; and

WHEREAS, COPD is the second leading cause of disability; and

WHEREAS, Up to 70% of the costs of COPD are due to hospitalizations which can largely be prevented; and

WHEREAS, COPD is a leading cause of death in Kansas with as many as 146.5 persons admitted to the hospital for every 100,000 persons in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The main causes of COPD are smoking, dust and chemicals in the air; and

WHEREAS, COPD is treatable and manageable; and

WHEREAS, It would behoove the state to develop and maintain a COPD prevention and education state plan: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Kansas Department of Health and Environment create a comprehensive COPD prevention and education state plan which shall create and foster public awareness and increase knowledge concerning the causes of COPD, the importance of early diagnosis, effective prevention and disease management. Such plan shall outline sustainable solutions for reducing the burden of COPD in Kansas through the coordinated implementation of multiple strategies. These strategies shall include, without limitation, recommendations for:

- (1) The prevention and early detection of COPD to reduce the incidence of the disease;
- (2) the treatment and management of COPD to ensure that health care providers offer state-of-the-art care, including increased access to nonpharmacologic therapies for COPD;
- (3) increasing public awareness, patient education and proper medical management of COPD among the general public and those living with COPD; and
- (4) improving COPD outcomes in Kansas through increases in COPD funding and resources as well as ongoing effective advocacy by government leaders and people with COPD; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Department of Health and Environment annually perform a COPD needs assessment; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Department of Health and Environment hold an annual summit regarding COPD. Such summit shall be held in partnership with the state COPD coalition; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Health and Environment.

Senate Resolution No. 1826 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.