

## House Resolution No. 6049

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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

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

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

8 WHEREAS, COPD was the third leading cause of death in the year  
9 2000 and is projected to be the third leading cause of death in the year  
10 2010; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, COPD is treatable and manageable; and

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

26 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*

27 That the Kansas department of health and environment create a  
28 comprehensive COPD prevention and education state plan which shall  
29 create and foster public awareness and increase knowledge concerning  
30 the causes of COPD, the importance of early diagnosis, effective  
31 prevention and disease management. Such plan shall outline sustainable  
32 solutions for reducing the burden of COPD in Kansas through the  
33 coordinated implementation of multiple strategies. These strategies shall  
34 include, without limitation, recommendations for:

35 (1) The prevention and early detection of COPD to reduce the  
36 incidence of the disease; and

1 (2) the treatment and management of COPD to ensure that health  
2 care providers offer state-of-the-art care, including increased access to  
3 nonpharmacologic therapies for COPD; and

4 (3) increasing public awareness, patient education and proper  
5 medical management of COPD among the general public and those living  
6 with COPD; and;

7 (4) improving COPD outcomes in Kansas through increases in  
8 COPD funding and resources, as well as ongoing effective advocacy by  
9 government leaders and people with COPD; and

10 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas department of health and  
11 environment annually perform a COPD needs assessment; and

12 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas department of health and  
13 environment hold an annual summit regarding COPD to be held in  
14 partnership with the state COPD coalition; and

15 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of  
16 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the  
17 secretary of health and environment.  
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