

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6049

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 third leading cause of death in the year 2012; 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, chemicals in the air and genetic disposition; 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 House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the Kansas department of health and environment is encouraged to 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; and

(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; and

(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.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.