

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1449  
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Public Health  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

As of 2005 Lung Cancer killed more Americans than prostate, breast and colorectal cancers combined. According to the American Cancer Society, 13% of all new cancer cases reported in the United States in 2005 were lung cancer, approximately 172,570 new cases.

In order to increase awareness on Lung Cancer House Bill 1449 designates November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Texas.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

HB 1449 makes November Lung Cancer Awareness Month, and encourages funding of research and more effective treatments. The bill requires Lung Cancer Awareness Month to be regularly observed in public schools and other places to increase the awareness of lung cancer and support for lung cancer research.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2007.