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FISCAL NOTE

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House Joint Resolution 1 (Delegate Conroy)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

This joint resolution designates every September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. It urges public health agencies to increase public awareness and knowledge of the disease.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this joint resolution would not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State previously has made similar declarations to focus on important health issues, such as establishing the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Awareness Week and the Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Week.

Background: Ovarian cancer accounts for 4% of all cancers among women and ranks fifth as a cause of women's death from cancer. It is estimated that approximately 14,000 women in the United States will die from ovarian cancer in 2002. Over 75% of the women diagnosed with ovarian cancer are not diagnosed until the cancer has spread beyond the ovaries. Women who are diagnosed after the cancer has spread have up to a 20% five-year survival rate. Women who are diagnosed in the early stage of ovarian

cancer have about a 95% survival rate. However, only 25% of the women with ovarian cancer are diagnosed in the early stage.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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