

SENATE RESOLUTION
8678

By Senators Hill, Fain, Litzow, Kohl-Welles, Hewitt, Rolfes, Nelson, and Fraser

WHEREAS, More than 225,000 new cases of lung cancer were expected to be diagnosed in 2013, accounting for nearly 14 percent of cancer diagnoses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cancer-related cause of death in the United States and in Washington; and

WHEREAS, Lung cancer accounts for an estimated 160,000 deaths in 2013, nearly 27 percent of all cancer-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, 4,700 new cases of lung cancer were expected to be diagnosed in Washington; and

WHEREAS, Up to 15 percent of lung cancer cases occur in people who have never smoked and more than 40 percent occur in those who have previously ceased smoking; and

WHEREAS, Early detection of lung cancer can dramatically improve survival rates, but only 15 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed in early stages; and

WHEREAS, Funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of other cancers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate commit to making lung cancer a public health priority by supporting advocacy work on behalf of lung cancer patients, those at risk for the disease, and those in our communities who are affected by lung cancer.

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8678,
adopted by the Senate
February 10, 2014

HUNTER G. GOODMAN
Secretary of the Senate