

THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 124
Author: Weber Pierson (D), et al.
Introduced: 7/2/26
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month of 2026

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims the month of September 2026 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Ovarian cancer continues to cast a long and painful shadow over countless families, stealing the lives of mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends far too soon, and leaving in its wake a legacy of loss and grief.
- 2) Ovarian cancer is the most fatal of all female reproductive system cancers. The five-year survival rates for ovarian cancer, by time of diagnosis, are as follows: 93.1% for women diagnosed in an early stage, 74.5% for women diagnosed in an intermediate stage, and 30.8% for women diagnosed in an advanced stage.
- 3) Ovarian cancer makes up only 2.5% of all female cancer cases, yet it causes 5 percent of cancer deaths due to its low survival rate. Early detection offers the greatest hope for survival, yet ovarian cancer remains one of the most difficult cancers to diagnose at an early stage. There is no simple and reliable way to screen for this disease, symptoms are often not clear until later stages, and most women are diagnosed without being at high risk.
- 4) It is essential to actively encourage all women to engage in early preventive care and routine screenings for ovarian cancer. It is equally important that we empower women with the knowledge and confidence to listen to their bodies and seek medical attention when they notice unexplained symptoms such as bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating, or urinary urgency, or other symptoms that may otherwise go overlooked.

- 5) Each September, during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we pause to remember those we have lost, honor those who continue to bravely confront this disease, and recommit ourselves to supporting survivors, caregivers, and all those working tirelessly to improve outcomes and raise public awareness of ovarian cancer.

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Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 221 (Papan, Resolution Chapter 193, Statutes of 2024)

SR 56 (Weber Pierson, 2025) – Adopted in Senate.

SR 101 (Caballero, 2024) – Adopted in Senate.

ACR 111 (Papan, Resolution Chapter 170, Statutes of 2023)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/5/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/5/26)

None received

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