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Thursday, April 12, 2018
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/11/18
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, ACR 218, HR 99, HR 100, and SCR 108 have been added to the referrals.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/12/2018

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 2048</u>	P.E.,R., & S.S.
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<u>ACR 218</u>	RLS.
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<u>SCR 108</u>	RLS.



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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/11/18
Re: Consent Bill Re-Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill re-referrals, AB 3199 was removed.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

04/12/2018

The Committee on Rules has re-referred the following bills to Committee:

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

AB 1759

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AB 2329

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 200

Introduced by Assembly Member Baker

March 13, 2018

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 200—Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 200, as introduced, Baker. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourage the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious
2 threats to our nation’s children; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2013, according to the University of California
4 at Berkeley, Center for Social Services Research, approximately
5 84,000 children in California were found to be victims of abuse
6 or neglect; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2012, according to the State Department of
8 Public Health, 85 children in California died as a result of child
9 abuse and neglect; and

10 WHEREAS, Children who have been abused or neglected have
11 a higher risk of developing various health problems as adults,
12 including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders,
13 obesity, suicide, and certain chronic diseases; and

1 WHEREAS, California's children deserve to grow up in a safe
2 and nurturing environment free from fear, abuse, and neglect; and

3 WHEREAS, Statewide, child abuse and neglect cases
4 disproportionately involve children of color; and

5 WHEREAS, Prevention of child abuse and neglect depends on
6 the involvement of people throughout the community; and

7 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect have long-term economic
8 and societal costs; and

9 WHEREAS, Providing community-based prevention services
10 to families whose children may be at risk of child abuse or neglect
11 is less costly than addressing the emotional and physical damage
12 that can result from child abuse and neglect; and

13 WHEREAS, Providing community-based prevention services
14 to those families can help avoid the costs of protective services,
15 law enforcement, the judicial system, foster care, and the treatment
16 of adults recovering from abuse as children; and

17 WHEREAS, Victims of child abuse, whether the abuse is
18 physical, sexual, or emotional, or any combination of these, should
19 have access to a safe place to live, appropriate medical care, and
20 counseling or mental health services; and

21 WHEREAS, In recent years, Prevent Child Abuse America, the
22 Child Abuse Prevention Center, and other groups have organized
23 Blue Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness of child
24 abuse and to promote ways to prevent child abuse; and

25 WHEREAS, Each year, the President of the United States issues
26 a proclamation announcing April as National Child Abuse
27 Prevention Month; and

28 WHEREAS, Pinwheels are displayed to increase the awareness
29 of child abuse and to focus on the positive message of preventing
30 child abuse and neglect by supporting families and strengthening
31 communities during Child Abuse Prevention Month; now,
32 therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby acknowledge
35 the month of April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and
36 encourages the people of the State of California to work together
37 to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their
38 communities and schools during that month and throughout the
39 year; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 12, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 200 (Baker) – As Introduced March 13, 2018

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month.

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the month of April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourages the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our children. According to the State Department of Public Health, 85 children in California died as a result of child abuse and neglect in 2012.
- 2) Prevention of child abuse and neglect depends on the involvement of people throughout the community. Providing community-based prevention services to families is less costly than addressing the emotional and physical damage that can result from child abuse and neglect, including the costs of protective services, law enforcement, the judicial system, foster care, and the treatment of adults recovering from abuse as children.
- 3) California's children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment free from fear, abuse, and neglect. Victims of child abuse, whether the abuse is physical, sexual, or emotional, or any combination of these, should have access to a safe place to live, appropriate medical care, and counseling or mental health services.
- 4) In recent years, child abuse prevention groups have organized Blue Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness and promote ways to prevent child abuse and neglect. Pinwheels are displayed to increase the awareness of child abuse and to focus on the positive message of preventing child abuse and neglect by supporting families and strengthening communities during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Child Abuse Prevention Center (CAP Center)

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



April 9, 2018

The Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 200 (Baker) – SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Cooley:

On behalf of the Child Abuse Prevention Center (CAP Center), I am pleased to support ACR 200 (Baker) that declares the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. We commend Assemblywoman Baker for her leadership in helping to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Each year, nearly a half million children in California come to the attention of child welfare officials through reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. About half of all substantiated cases involve children just 0-5 years old, and each incident imposes both human and financial costs that last a lifetime. For California, the estimated lifetime cost per child victim is over \$210,000. Nationally, the annual cost of child abuse and neglect is conservatively estimated to be \$103.8 billion (in 2007 value). This includes direct costs (associated with the immediate needs of abused or neglected children) of \$33.1 billion for hospitalization, mental health, child welfare services, and law enforcement, and indirect costs (associated with long-term or secondary effects of child abuse and neglect) of \$70.7 billion for special education, the delinquency and criminal justice systems, health and mental health care, and lost productivity. Meanwhile, evidence-based prevention services have been shown to drastically reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect among at-risk families at a fraction of the cost.

While child welfare leaders advocate for investment in services and support needed to deal with the underlying factors that contribute to child abuse and neglect, budget constraints drastically hinder innovative prevention and early intervention practices. Nevertheless, the CAP Center and its affiliate organizations the California Family Resource Association and Prevent Child Abuse California are committed to pushing forward with our partners statewide to identify the critical resources needed to protect children and build healthy families.

If you have any questions regarding the Child Abuse Prevention Center's support for ACR 200, please contact Dawn Koepke with McHugh, Koepke & Associates at (916) 930-1993. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sheila Boxley
President & CEO

Cc: The Honorable Catharine Baker, Author

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 207

**Introduced by Assembly Members Friedman and Levine
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Berman, Bloom, Medina, Nazarian,
Rubio, and Thurmond)**

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Glazer, Hertzberg, Jackson, Newman,
Stern, and Wiener)

March 21, 2018

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 207—Relative to California
Holocaust Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 207, as introduced, Friedman. California Holocaust Memorial
Day.

This measure would proclaim April 16, 2018, as California Holocaust
Memorial Day and would urge all Californians to observe this day of
remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the
2 world had never before witnessed; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 70 years have passed since the tragic
4 events we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which the
5 dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part
6 of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final Solution
7 of the Jewish Question”; and

8 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not
9 alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi
10 concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,

1 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political
2 annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and

3 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
4 provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including
5 the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided
6 comfort to those suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,
8 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
9 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
10 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible
13 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,
14 persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and

15 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
16 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
17 freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and
18 democratic society; and

19 WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments
20 of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who
21 lost their lives in the Holocaust; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
23 recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the
24 Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance, known as Yom
25 Hashoah; and

26 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
27 and nationally recognized scholar, “a memorial unresponsive to
28 the future would violate the memory of the past”; now, therefore,
29 be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 16, 2018,
32 as “California Holocaust Memorial Day,” and that Californians
33 are urged to observe this day of remembrance for victims of the
34 Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
36 sufficient copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate
37 distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 12, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 207 (Friedman) – As Introduced March 21, 2018

SUBJECT: California Holocaust Memorial Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims April 16, 2018, as California Holocaust Memorial Day and urges all Californians to observe this day of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 70 years have passed since the tragic events we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which six million Jews and five million others were murdered as part of a carefully orchestrated, state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political annihilation under Nazi tyranny.
- 2) We must recognize the heroism of those who provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime and teach our children and future generations that acts of heroism during the Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity.
- 3) The people of California should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society. Each person should set aside moments of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust.
- 4) The United States Holocaust Memorial Council recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 9, 2018

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 213

Introduced by Assembly Members Grayson and Frazier

April 3, 2018

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 213—Relative to autism.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 213, as amended, Grayson. Autism: sensory-friendly movie screenings.

This measure would declare the support of the Legislature for the expansion of sensory-friendly movie screenings and similar programs for people with autism, and would encourage families to attend a sensory-friendly movie screening during April 2018, which is National Autism Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 ~~WHEREAS, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder~~
2 ~~affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those~~
3 ~~afflicted with it; and~~
4 WHEREAS, More than 3.5 million Americans live with an
5 autism spectrum disorder; and
6 WHEREAS, Individuals with autism often utilize specialized
7 and community support services to ensure their health and safety,
8 and to support their families’ resilience as they manage the unique
9 psychological and financial conditions autism presents; and
10 WHEREAS, Attending a movie theater with family members
11 is an enriching and enjoyable experience for many Californians;
12 and

1 WHEREAS, Theaters around the country are beginning to offer
2 “Sensory Friendly Screenings” as a special opportunity for
3 individuals with autism and others to enjoy their favorite films in
4 a safe and accepting setting; and

5 WHEREAS, In order to provide a more comfortable and
6 accepting environment for individuals on the autism spectrum, the
7 movie auditorium keeps the sound turned slightly down and the
8 lights turned slightly up; and

9 WHEREAS, Because some individuals with autism have
10 specialized dietary needs, families are allowed to bring their own
11 snacks from home; and

12 WHEREAS, Audience members are free to get up and dance,
13 walk, sing, or shout, and are able to relax and enjoy quality family
14 time without worrying if someone will complain or be disturbed
15 by movement or noise; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature supports and promotes
18 the expansion of sensory-friendly movie screenings and similar
19 programs, and encourages families to attend a sensory-friendly
20 movie screening during April 2018, which is National Autism
21 Awareness Month; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
23 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 12, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 213 (Grayson) – As Amended April 9, 2018

SUBJECT: Autism: sensory-friendly movie screenings.

SUMMARY: Declares the support of Legislature for the expansion of sensory friendly movie screenings and similar programs for people with autism, and encourages families to attend a sensory friendly movie screening during April 2018, which is National Autism Awareness Month. Specifically, **this bill:** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder.
- 2) Individuals with autism often utilize specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, and to support their families' resilience as they manage the unique psychological and financial conditions autism presents.
- 3) Attending a movie theatre with family members is an enriching and enjoyable experience for many Californians. Theatres around the country are beginning to offer "Sensory Friendly Screenings" as a special opportunity for individuals with autism and others to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting setting.
- 4) In order to provide a more comfortable and accepting environment for individuals on the autism spectrum, the movie auditorium keeps the sound turned slightly down and the lights turned slightly up; and, audience members are free to get up and dance, walk, sing, or shout, and are able to relax and enjoy quality family time without worrying if someone will complain or be disturbed by movement or noise.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2018

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 97

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

April 5, 2018

House Resolution No. 97—Relative to Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

1 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have a long and rich
2 cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor
3 Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to
4 the 12th centuries and was considered one of the Wonders of the
5 Ancient World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance
6 and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world; and
7 WHEREAS, Early connections between the United States and
8 Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and
9 talented college students to universities, including California State
10 Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical
11 trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the
12 United States Agency for International Development (USAID);
13 and
14 WHEREAS, The relationship between the United States and
15 Cambodia had been forged through educational and professional
16 exchange, and therefore in 1975, with the impending overthrow
17 of the government by the totalitarian Khmer Rouge regime, the
18 United States accepted over 4,000 Cambodian evacuees to ensure
19 their safety; and

1 WHEREAS, April 17, 2018, will mark both the 43rd anniversary
2 of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, seizing control of Cambodia
3 and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide; and

4 WHEREAS, Between April 17, 1975, and January 7, 1979, the
5 Khmer Rouge of Democratic Kampuchea, led by Pol Pot, General
6 Secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, and other
7 members of the Standing Committee of the Central Committee of
8 the Communist Party of Kampuchea and their agents, committed
9 acts of genocide and other crimes against humanity; and

10 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
11 committed against the people of Cambodia, including various
12 religious groups and ethnic minorities, during the Khmer Rouge
13 regime led to the deaths of over 1,700,000 Cambodians, which
14 was 21 percent of the nation's population; and

15 WHEREAS, The Khmer Rouge regime also sought to eliminate
16 all aspects of Cambodian culture by systematically killing those
17 with education, separating families, and destroying institutions
18 such as Buddhist temples, schools, libraries, dance, and music;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Countless victims have since come forward to tell
21 their stories of imprisonment, starvation, slavery, rape, and
22 systematic forced marriage; and

23 WHEREAS, After the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge regime
24 in 1979, over 140,000 Cambodians came to the United States as
25 refugees, a group of individuals of special humanitarian and foreign
26 policy concern to the United States because of the well-founded
27 fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality,
28 membership in a particular social group, or political opinion and
29 thus in need of protection in accordance with the United Nations
30 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees; and

31 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest population
32 of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the
33 world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of
34 Southeast Asia; and

35 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have drawn from their
36 cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities by
37 participating in American politics on the local and national levels,
38 by establishing local and international businesses, by developing
39 new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new

1 generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future
2 of the State of California and the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide was a human tragedy
4 and must be remembered for the scale of violence and devastation
5 perpetrated against the people of Cambodia so that it does not
6 happen again, there or in any other country; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1994 the United States Congress passed the
8 Cambodian Genocide Justice Act, committing the American
9 government to the pursuit of justice for the victims of the genocide
10 and affirming the policy of the United States to bring members of
11 the Khmer Rouge to justice for their crimes against humanity; and

12 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
13 did not succeed in destroying the Cambodian people or their
14 culture. In fact, the culture and heritage of the Cambodian people
15 continues to this day through the accomplishments of Cambodians
16 and their descendants; and

17 WHEREAS, The suffering and loss of the Cambodian people
18 and their accomplishments and perseverance in reestablishing
19 families, communities, and enhancing the cultural and historical
20 diversity of our state and nation should be recognized and honored;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will
23 honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and
24 contributions to our state and country. This week will serve as a
25 way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in
26 genocides around the world; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the ~~Senate~~ Assembly of the State of California*, That
28 the ~~Senate~~ Assembly hereby recognizes the week of April 16 to
29 April 20, 2018, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week,
30 and calls upon all Californians to observe the week by participating
31 in appropriate activities and programs; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 12, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 97 (O'Donnell) – As Amended April 10, 2018

SUBJECT: Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of April 16 to April 20, 2018, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Cambodian people have a long and rich cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to the 12th centuries and was considered one of the Wonders of the Ancient World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world.
- 2) Between April 17, 1975, and January 7, 1979, the Khmer Rouge of Democratic Kampuchea, led by Pol Pot, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, and other members of the Standing Committee of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and their agents, committed acts of genocide and other crimes against humanity. April 17, 2018, will mark both the 43rd anniversary of the Khmer Rouge seizing control of Cambodia and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide.
- 3) The genocide and other crimes against humanity committed against the people of Cambodia, including various religious groups and ethnic minorities, during the Khmer Rouge regime led to the deaths of over 1,700,000 Cambodians, which was 21 percent of the nation's population.
- 4) After the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge regime in 1979, over 140,000 Cambodians came to the United States as refugees, a group of special humanitarian and foreign policy concern to the United States because of the well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion and thus in need of protection in accordance with the United Nations 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.
- 5) The State of California has the largest population of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of Southeast Asia.
- 6) The Cambodian people have drawn from their cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities through participation in American politics on the local and national levels, by establishing local and international businesses, by developing new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future of the State of California and the nation.
- 7) The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and contributions to our state and country, and will serve as a way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in genocides around the world.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Hill

March 20, 2018

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 120—Relative to California Safe Digging Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 120, as introduced, Hill. California Safe Digging Month.
This measure would proclaim April as California Safe Digging Month.
Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Excavators, homeowners, and professional
2 contractors can save time and money while making California’s
3 communities a safer place to live and work by dialing 811 in
4 advance of all digging projects; and
5 WHEREAS, The 811 “Call Before You Dig” program is a vital
6 public education and awareness program dealing with the safety
7 of subsurface excavation, and education is the key to promoting
8 safe digging practices; and
9 WHEREAS, The five steps to a safe excavation are: survey and
10 mark, contact the 811 program before you dig, wait the required
11 time, respect the marks, and dig with care; and
12 WHEREAS, Utility lines are often buried only a few inches
13 underground, making them easy to strike, which can cause damage
14 and harm even for shallow excavation projects; and
15 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 underground utility lines are
16 struck each year in the United States and approximately 16 percent
17 of all digging damage in the United States results from not
18 contacting the 811 program before digging; and

1 WHEREAS, Undesired consequences, such as service
2 interruptions, outages, damage to the environment, personal injury,
3 and death, are risked by failing to contact the 811 program before
4 digging or attempting to mark utility lines; and

5 WHEREAS, Contacting the 811 program to be connected to a
6 regional notification center before digging, respecting the
7 color-coded lines that demarcate underground utilities, and digging
8 with care around the marked lines will help keep Californians safe
9 and prevent damage and destruction; and

10 WHEREAS, California's economy continues to grow,
11 stimulating new construction that requires supporting infrastructure,
12 and California's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized
13 by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to contact the
14 811 program before digging; and

15 WHEREAS, California has two regional notification centers
16 that provide a free and effective damage prevention service for
17 Californians: Underground Service Alert of Northern California
18 and Nevada and Underground Service Alert of Southern California;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Underground Service Alert of Northern California
21 and Nevada and Underground Service Alert of Southern California,
22 in cooperation with California's public and private utilities, provide
23 effective damage prevention services that protect California's
24 citizens, communities, public services, environment, and
25 underground facilities at no cost to the caller; and

26 WHEREAS, The free notification services provided by
27 Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada
28 and Underground Service Alert of Southern California have
29 dramatically reduced the number of accidents causing property
30 damage, personal injury, and interruption of vital services; now,
31 therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April as
34 California Safe Digging Month; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
36 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 12, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 120 (Hill) – As Introduced March 20, 2018

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: California Safe Digging Month

SUMMARY: Proclaims April as California Safe Digging Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The 811 "Call Before You Dig" program is a vital public education and awareness program dealing with the safety of subsurface excavation; and, education is the key to promoting safe digging practices.
- 2) More than 300,000 underground utility lines are struck each year in the United States and approximately 16 percent of all digging damage in the United States results from not contacting the 811 program before digging. The five steps to a safe excavation are: survey and mark, contact the 811 program before you dig, wait the required time, respect the marks, and dig with care
- 3) California has two regional notification centers that provide a free and effective damage prevention service for Californians; and, the free notification service has dramatically reduced the number of accidents causing property damage, personal injury and interruption of vital services.
- 4) California's economy continues to grow, stimulating new construction that requires supporting infrastructure; and, California's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to call 811 before digging.
- 5) Contacting the 811 program to be connected to a regional notification center before digging, respecting the color-coded lines that demarcate underground utilities, and digging with care around the marked lines will help keep Californians safe and prevent damage and destruction.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada (USA North 811)
Underground Service Alert of Southern California (Dig Alert)

Opposition

None on file

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April 4, 2018

The Honorable Ken Cooley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support of SCR 120 from Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada

Dear Assemblyman Cooley,


My name is James Wingate; I am writing to you on behalf of Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada, commonly known as "USA North 811." As you know, we are the organization to "call 811 before you dig" in Northern California to have underground utility lines located and marked prior to excavation. The purpose of this brief letter is to express support for SCR 120.

A vast and complex network of underground utility lines exists in California; thousands of miles of pipes and cables provide the critical infrastructure that enables a modern standard of living and an advanced economy. Water, sewer, electric power, natural gas, telephone, cable television and internet are some of the key utility services delivered to homes, businesses and government offices all day, every day. Other important infrastructure types include storm drain, traffic signals and oil and gas pipelines.

The greatest threat to underground facilities is damage from excavation activity; damage can result in interrupted utility service, property damage, environmental contamination, personal injury or even death! Research has shown that when a locate request ticket is created by calling 811 or online before digging, 99% of the time a utility damage will not occur.

We implore all excavators, including homeowners, contractors, utility service providers, etc., to use the 811 system and to follow safe digging practices to protect underground infrastructure. We also commend the many professionals that do these things on a daily basis, and the many laymen and good neighbors who follow the guidelines and encourage others to do the same. We appreciate elected officials and staff at all levels of government joining with us to promote use of the 811 system to help protect the utility facilities upon which we all depend.

Respectfully,



James L. Wingate
Executive Director | USA North 811



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April 3, 2018

The Honorable Ken Cooley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

**REGARDING: UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
IN SUPPORT OF SCR 120 (HILL)**

Dear Assemblyman Cooley:


On behalf of my client, the Underground Service Alert of Southern California, commonly referred to as Dig Alert, I write to inform you of our support and sponsorship of SCR 120.

The service provided by Dig Alert is invaluable for the physical protection of excavators and for utility infrastructure located underneath the surface. As our state continues to develop, more and more utilities are placed underground, emphasizing the need for the "Call Before You Dig" service.

It is free to anyone planning to excavate — they simply call 811 or logon to the Underground Service Alert's website and notify the call center where the excavation will occur. The call center reviews the excavation plan and notifies any utilities that may have underground infrastructure in the area. Utility workers and representatives then, within two days, mark the locations of the underground utilities.

California joins many other states and the national organization known as the Common Ground Alliance in celebrating the 10th annual National Safe Digging Month.

Cordially,



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Honorable Ken Cooley
Chair, Assembly Committee on Rules
State Capitol, Room 3106
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To the Committee on Rules:

I request permission to add an urgency clause to Assembly Bill No. 2771 pursuant to Joint Rule 58.

In order for the Higher Education facilities Bond Act to be presented to the voters at the November 6, 2018 statewide election, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

SUSAN TALAMANTES EGGMAN

Assemblymember, 13th District