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Monday, August 22, 2016
12:50 PM
State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

Bill Referrals

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REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

08/22/2016

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

Assembly Bill No.

[ACR 203](#)

[SCR 162](#)

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 8/19/2016
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Attached is a list of bill referral recommendations.



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Introduced by Senator Fuller
(Principal coauthor: Senator Runner)
(Coauthors: Senators Bates, Berryhill, Monning, Vidak, and
Wieckowski)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Travis Allen, Baker, Chávez, Lackey,
and Olsen)

May 9, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 142—Relative to Valley Fever Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 142, as introduced, Fuller. Valley Fever Awareness Month
This measure would declare August 2016 as Valley Fever Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Valley Fever (coccidioidomycosis), a progressive,
- 2 multisymptom, respiratory disorder, is a debilitating disease; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Valley Fever is caused by the inhalation of tiny
- 4 airborne fungi that live in the soil but are released into the air by
- 5 soil disturbance or wind; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Valley Fever attacks the respiratory system, causing
- 7 infections that can lead to symptoms that resemble a cold,
- 8 influenza, or pneumonia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, If left untreated or mistreated, infection can spread
- 10 from the lungs into the bloodstream, causing inflammation to the
- 11 skin, permanent damage to lung and bone tissue, and swelling of
- 12 the membrane surrounding the brain, leading to meningitis, which
- 13 can be devastating and even fatal; and

1 WHEREAS, Once serious symptoms of Valley Fever appear,
2 including pneumonia and labored breathing, prompt treatment with
3 often toxic antifungal drugs must be given, which is especially
4 disagreeable for patients who require the drugs to be injected
5 beneath the base of their skulls for meningitis and which can cause
6 side effects such as nausea, fever, and kidney damage; and

7 WHEREAS, Within California alone, Valley Fever is found in
8 portions of the Sacramento Valley, all of the San Joaquin Valley,
9 desert regions, and portions of southern California; and

10 WHEREAS, California does not have an official statewide
11 method of tracking the rate of Valley Fever infections; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
13 Control and Prevention (CDC), Valley Fever infection rates rose
14 twelvefold nationwide from 1995 to 2009, and researchers estimate
15 that the fungus infects more than 150,000 people each year who
16 either suffer serious ailments without knowing the cause of their
17 illness or escape detection of the disease; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the CDC, between 1999 and 2011,
19 the rate of infection of Valley Fever in California rose more than
20 600 percent, from 939 cases in 1999 to 5,697 cases in 2011, before
21 declining to 2,243 cases in 2014; and

22 WHEREAS, In Kern County, the rate of infection of Valley
23 Fever more than tripled from 2009, for a total of 2,051 cases in
24 2010 and 2,734 cases in 2011, before declining to 1210 cases in
25 2014; and

26 WHEREAS, San Joaquin County Public Health Services
27 recorded 27 cases of Valley Fever in 2009, 46 cases in 2010, and
28 123 cases in 2011; and

29 WHEREAS, Although the rate of Valley Fever infection in
30 California has declined since 2011, it continues to infect
31 Californians at more than twice the rate of infection in 1999; and

32 WHEREAS, Misdiagnosis of Valley Fever is so pervasive that
33 experts say some people suffer and even die from Valley Fever
34 without knowing they ever had the disease; and

35 WHEREAS, The Governor declared a Drought State of
36 Emergency on January 17, 2014, and California is experiencing
37 record dry conditions; and

38 WHEREAS, Dry conditions and lack of precipitation present
39 urgent problems regarding Valley Fever; and

1 WHEREAS, Valley Fever is usually found in soil two to eight
2 inches from the surface, and the extreme dry conditions caused by
3 drought increase the chances of coccidioidomycosis airborne fungi
4 exposure; and

5 WHEREAS, Central Valley prison inmates have been infected
6 by Valley Fever at epidemic rates, contributing significantly to the
7 state’s prison health care costs; and

8 WHEREAS, The rapid spread of Valley Fever at state prisons
9 in the Central Valley has resulted in multiple prison inmate deaths
10 and prompted calls to close certain affected prisons, further
11 exacerbating efforts to comply with federal orders to reduce prison
12 overcrowding; and

13 WHEREAS, Valley Fever kills between 100 to 200 more
14 Americans every year than tuberculosis; and

15 WHEREAS, Valley Fever most seriously affects the young, the
16 elderly, those with lowered immune systems, and those of African
17 American and Filipino descent; and

18 WHEREAS, Valley Fever is a disease that has been studied for
19 the past 100 years but still remains impossible to control and
20 difficult to treat; and

21 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for Valley Fever, but
22 researchers are closer than ever to finding a much-needed vaccine
23 against this devastating disease; and

24 WHEREAS, The research effort to find a vaccine for Valley
25 Fever and a funding partnership including the State of California
26 were approved by the Legislature and signed by Governor Wilson
27 in 1997; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
29 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature does hereby proclaim*
30 *August 2016 as Valley Fever Awareness Month; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: August 22, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard S. Gordon, Chair
SCR 142 (Fuller) – As Introduced May 9, 2016

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Valley Fever Awareness Month

SUMMARY: Declares August 2016 as Valley Fever Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Valley Fever (coccidioidomycosis), a progressive, multisymptom, respiratory disorder, is a debilitating disease caused by the inhalation of tiny airborne fungi that live in the soil but are released into the air by soil disturbance or wind.
- 2) Valley Fever attacks the respiratory system, causing infections that can lead to symptoms that resemble a cold, influenza, or pneumonia. If left untreated, or mistreated, these infections can spread from the lungs into the bloodstream, causing inflammation to the skin, permanent damage to lung and bone tissue, and swelling of the membrane surrounding the brain, leading to meningitis, which can be devastating and even fatal.
- 3) Once serious symptoms of Valley Fever appear, including pneumonia and labored breathing, prompt treatment with often toxic antifungal drugs must be given, which is especially disagreeable for patients who require the drugs to be injected beneath the base of their skulls for meningitis and which can cause side effects such as nausea, fever, and kidney damage.
- 4) According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Valley Fever infection rates rose twelvefold nationwide from 1995 to 2009, and researchers estimate that the fungus infects more than 150,000 people each year who either suffer serious ailments without knowing the cause of their illness or escape detection of the disease.
- 5) Misdiagnosis of Valley Fever is so pervasive that experts say some people suffer and even die from Valley Fever without knowing they ever had the disease.
- 6) Dry conditions and lack of precipitation present urgent problems regarding Valley Fever.
- 7) Valley Fever is usually found in soil two to eight inches from the surface, and the extreme dry conditions caused by drought increase the chances of coccidioidomycosis airborne fungi exposure.
- 8) Valley Fever most seriously affects the young, the elderly, those with lowered immune systems, and those of African American and Filipino descent.
- 9) There is no known cure for Valley Fever, but researchers are closer than ever to finding a much-needed vaccine against this devastating disease.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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Introduced by Senator Fuller
(Coauthor: Senator Bates)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chávez)

August 3, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 163—Relative to Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 163, as introduced, Fuller. Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

This measure would declare the month of September 2016 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological
2 disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United States;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation was first identified by
5 Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890’s and
6 categorized into four types in order of severity; and
7 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation is a congenital malformation
8 in which the bottom of the brain, known as the cerebellum, is
9 crowded in the skull cavity and forces the lower tips of the
10 cerebellar hemispheres, or tonsils, into the hole in the bottom of
11 the skull, or foramen magnum; and
12 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum,
13 the part of the brain that controls balance, and this creates pressure
14 on the cerebellum and brain stem and may block the normal flow
15 of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and

1 WHEREAS, Symptoms usually appear during adolescence or
2 early adulthood and can include severe head and neck pain, vertigo,
3 muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred or double vision,
4 difficulty swallowing, and sleep apnea; and

5 WHEREAS, Individuals who have Chiari Malformation may
6 often have related conditions, such as hydrocephalus, spina bifida,
7 syringomyelia, tethered spinal cord syndrome, and spinal curvature;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Neurological Disorders
10 and Stroke of the National Institute of Health is conducting research
11 to find alternative surgical options and identify the cause of Chiari
12 Malformations to create improved treatment and prevention plans;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
15 *thereof concurring,* That the California Legislature declares
16 September 2016 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month; and
17 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 22, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard S. Gordon, Chair
SCR 163 (Fuller) – As Introduced August 3, 2016

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Chiari Malformation Awareness Month

SUMMARY: Declares the month of September 2016 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United States.
- 2) Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance, and this creates pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem and may block the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain.
- 3) Symptoms usually appear during adolescence or early adulthood and can include severe head and neck pain, vertigo, muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred or double vision, difficulty swallowing, and sleep apnea.
- 4) The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institute of Health is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and identify the cause of Chiari Malformations to create improved treatment and prevention plans.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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