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Monday, January 25, 2016
11:50 AM
State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

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REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

01/25/2016

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

Assembly Bill No.

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 1/22/2015
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.



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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 114

**Introduced by Assembly Member Gallagher
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Lackey and Mathis)**

January 11, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 114—Relative to Grand Jury Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 114, as introduced, Gallagher. Grand Jury Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of February 2016 as Grand Jury Awareness Month in California, recognize those who volunteer in a grand jury, and encourage all Californians to learn about its role in the judicial system.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California’s grand jury system is a unique
2 component of our state’s government. Present in each of our 58
3 counties, these juries consist of citizens selected by the superior
4 courts; and
5 WHEREAS, Our grand juries exist through the dedication of
6 the people, and they help to ensure that the accused are treated
7 fairly and that our local governments are maintaining the highest
8 legal standards; and
9 WHEREAS, Grand juries are used at the beginning of the legal
10 investigation process. These juries have three important functions:
11 (1) to decide whether there is probable cause that a criminal act
12 occurred and if there is enough evidence to indict a person; (2)

1 within its civil jurisdiction, to oversee local governments; and (3)
2 to reserve the power to accuse public officers of misconduct; and

3 WHEREAS, As gatekeepers of our justice system, grand juries
4 ensure that citizens have a role in the justice process and that the
5 justice process operates effectively; and

6 WHEREAS, The hard work done by our grand juries has a great
7 impact throughout our communities, and they have helped to make
8 California a better place; and

9 WHEREAS, These accomplishments can only be made through
10 the outstanding dedication of those who volunteer as grand jurors;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
14 month of February 2016 as Grand Jury Awareness Month in
15 California; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes those who volunteer
17 in a grand jury, encourages all Californians to learn about the great
18 role of the grand jury in the judicial system, and applauds those
19 who have made the grand jury so successful; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: January 25, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Gordon, Chair

ACR 114 (Gallagher) – As Introduced January 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Grand Jury Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of February 2016 as Grand Jury Awareness Month in California and recognizes those who volunteer in a grand jury, and encourages all Californians to learn about its role in the judicial system. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California's grand jury system is a unique component of our state's government and is present in each of our 58 counties. These juries consist of citizens selected by the superior courts.
- 2) Grand juries are used at the beginning of the legal investigation process and have three important functions: (1) to decide whether there is probable cause that a criminal act occurred and if there is enough evidence to indict a person; (2) within its civil jurisdiction, to oversee local governments, and (3) to reserve the power to accuse public officers of misconduct.
- 3) Grand juries serve as gatekeepers of our justice system and ensure that citizens have a role in the justice process and that the justice process operates effectively.
- 4) Our grand juries exist through dedication of the people, and they help to ensure that the accused are treated fairly and that our local governments are maintaining the highest legal status.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Grand Jurors' Association
Sutter Grand Jurors' Association

Opposition

None on file

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



California Grand Jurors' Association

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January 19, 2016

Honorable Richard Gordon, Chair of Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 94249

Re: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 114 for Grand Jury Awareness Month

Dear Assemblymember Gordon,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the California Grand Jurors' Association (CGJA), I would like to state our support for ACR 114 that would proclaim February 2016 as California Grand Jury Awareness Month.

CGJA is an all-volunteer nonprofit corporation dedicated to the promotion of the grand jury through training, education, and outreach. Our members are former grand jurors and other citizens who recognize the valuable work the grand jury performs in each county each year on behalf of its community.

The California grand jury system is unlike any other in the country. As an instrumentality of the Superior Court, the grand jury is uniquely positioned to further the goals of efficiency, accountability, and integrity in local government. Through its reports, it facilitates positive change in the community it serves. Those who step forward to serve as grand jurors deserve the gratitude and support of all of the citizens of this state.

We respectfully urge your committee to pass ACR 114, designating February 2016 as California Grand Jury Awareness Month.

If you or your staff needs any more information about CGJA or the grand jury system, please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 246-7333 or karen.jahr@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,

Karen Jahr
President,
California Grand Jurors' Association

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Assemblyman Gordon, Chair of Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Assemblyman Gordon, Chair of Assembly Rules Committee:

On behalf of the Sutter Grand Jurors' Association I would like to ~~also~~ state our support for ACR 114 designating February 2016 as Grand Jury Awareness Month. With your help we hope to raise the awareness of what the Civil Grand Jury roles and responsibilities are.

By enlisting the support of our elected officials we ensure steady growth of awareness of the Civil Grand Jury system and the important role the Civil Grand Jury serves.

Civil Grand Juries can do what no other group or individual can do—thoroughly, systematically and without bias delve into the actions and policies of local governmental entities and officials to evaluate their effectiveness in providing services to the people they are supposed to serve. And if corruption or willful misconduct is uncovered, the grand jury can take steps that can lead to an official's removal from office.

Californians need what grand juries provide: an objective, non-partisan analysis of what works, and what doesn't work, in local government. Once the facts are uncovered, the electorate, using its political power, can make sure that their elected representatives modify their operations for the better.

The citizens who step forward to serve as grand jurors deserve the gratitude and support of all the citizens of our beautiful state.

Citizens need to understand the role of grand juries so they can follow the work of grand juries in their county, read the media reports of the results, understand the process so they may file citizen complaints more likely to result in investigations, and generally use it as a tool for fulfilling citizen responsibility to be aware of what goes on in local government. We respectfully urge your committee to pass ACR 114.

Sincerely, Beckie Jennings



Beckie Jennings, President Sutter County Grand Jurors' Association
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 119

Introduced by Assembly Member Chiu

January 15, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 119—Relative to Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 119, as introduced, Chiu. Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

This measure would designate the week of January 31, 2016, to February 6, 2016, inclusive, as Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, more than 100
2 million operations and procedures are performed with anesthesia,
3 and physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in a patient’s
4 well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures and make
5 patient safety their top priority; and
6 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists have the highest levels
7 of training and must complete between 12,000 and 16,000 hours
8 of training prior to practicing independently; and
9 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists have been leaders in
10 patient safety and cited as the only medical specialty to have
11 significantly improved patient safety; and
12 WHEREAS, A physician anesthesiologist’s duties include
13 evaluating a patient’s current health prior to receiving anesthesia
14 to ensure the best outcome, administering anesthesia, monitoring
15 the patient during surgery, and assessing the patient after the
16 procedure is completed; and

1 WHEREAS, This spectrum of patient care constitutes the
2 perioperative surgical home, which the American Society of
3 Anesthesiologists has identified as an innovative model in patient
4 care where the physician anesthesiologist directs the anesthesia
5 care team to provide support to the patient throughout all aspects
6 of surgical care and procedures; and

7 WHEREAS, There is up to a 20-percent reduction in adverse
8 events when physician anesthesiologists lead the anesthesia care
9 team; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Medical Association completed a
11 public opinion survey that concluded 70 percent of patients want
12 a physician to administer and monitor anesthesia levels; and

13 WHEREAS, Anesthesia is safer than ever before, yet there
14 remains potential for complications and side effects during
15 procedures, and physician anesthesiologists have the training and
16 expertise to help minimize these risks, monitor for any problems,
17 and take quick action; and

18 WHEREAS, During surgeries or procedures, when seconds
19 count, physician anesthesiologists have the highest degree of
20 training to respond to emergencies and ensure the best patient
21 outcomes; and

22 WHEREAS, The California Society of Anesthesiologists is a
23 physician organization with over 3,000 members dedicated to
24 promoting the highest standards of the profession of
25 anesthesiology, fostering excellence through continuing medical
26 education, and serving as an advocate for anesthesiologists and
27 their patients; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
30 week of January 31, 2016, to February 6, 2016, inclusive, as
31 Physician Anesthesiologist Week; 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: January 25, 2016

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Gordon, Chair

ACR 119 (Chiu) – As Introduced January 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of January 31, 2016, to February 6, 2016, inclusive, as Physician Anesthesiologist Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Annually in the United States, more than 100 million operations and procedures are performed with anesthesia and physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in a patient's well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures and make patient safety their top priority.
- 2) Physician Anesthesiologists have the highest level of training and must complete between 12,000 and 16,000 hours of training prior to practicing independently and their duties include evaluating a patient's current health prior to receiving anesthesia to ensure the best outcome, administering anesthesia, monitoring the patient during surgery, and assessing the patient after the procedure is completed.
- 3) The American Society of Anesthesiologists has identified the perioperative surgical home as an innovative model in patient care where the physician anesthesiologist directs the anesthesia care team to provide support to the patient throughout all aspects of surgical care and procedures; and there is up to a 20 percent reduction in adverse events when physician anesthesiologists lead the anesthesia care team.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA)

Opposition

None on file

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



January 22, 2016

The Honorable Richard Gordon
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: ACR 119 (Chiu)
CSA Position: *SPONSOR*

Dear Chairman Gordon:

The California Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA) is proud to ***Sponsor*** ACR 119 (Chiu), which recognizes the week of January 31 through February 6, 2016, as Physician Anesthesiologist Week in California, and we respectfully request your support for this measure.

A physician anesthesiologist undergoes between 12,000 to 16,000 hours of clinical training. With this clinical background, we have advocated strongly for promoting the concept of the perioperative surgical home, an innovative model where the physician anesthesiologist direct an anesthesia care team to provide support to the patient before, during, and after the procedure. The American Medical Association, the Journal of Health Affairs, and the Institute of Medicine have all recognized that the presence of a physician anesthesiologist significantly improves patient safety outcomes during surgical procedures involving anesthesia. In fact, adverse events are reduced by up to 20 percent when the physician anesthesiologist leads the anesthesia care team.

CSA represents more than 3,000 physician anesthesiologists. We deeply believe that patient safety is the highest priority of our profession. We ask for your support of this resolution.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact either one of our CSA Legislative Advocates, Bryce Docherty at bdocherty@ka-pow.com or Vanessa Cajina at vcajina@ka-pow.com or (916) 448-2162.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Poage, MD
Chair, Legislative and Practice Affairs Division