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10 minutes prior to Session State Capitol, Room 126

Monday, June 30, 2025

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Memo

To: **Rules Committee Members**

Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant From:

6/27/2025 Date:

Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Attached is a list of referral recommendations.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

06/30/2025

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

Assembly Bill No. Committee: ACR 101 TRANS. ACR 102 RLS. **ACR** 103 RLS. RLS. ACR 104 <u>AJR 17</u> JUD. SB 445 TRANS. <u>SB 445</u> L. GOV. <u>SB 445</u> U. & E. RLS. **SCR 73** RLS. **SCR 77** TRANS. <u>SCR 79</u> **SCR 88** RLS.

Introduced by Senator Ochoa Bogh

(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Dahle, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Rubio, Seyarto, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, and Wahab)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alanis, Castillo, Elhawary, Gallagher, Hadwick, Hoover, Lackey, Macedo, and Pacheco)

May 5, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 74—Relative to Flag Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 74, as introduced, Ochoa Bogh. Flag Day.

This measure would recognize June 14, 2025, as Flag Day in California and encourage the citizens of the state to celebrate the symbol of our freedom and remember the hard work and sacrifices that so many made to ensure that freedom.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, For more than two centuries, the American flag
- 2 has been a banner of hope for generations of Americans and those
- 3 seeking freedom around the world; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The flag is a symbol of a country that has grown
- 5 from 13 colonies to a united nation of 50 sovereign states; a symbol
- 6 of many units becoming one, true to our nation's traditional motto,
- 7 e pluribus unum, "out of many, one"; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The first flag of the United States was authorized
- 9 by congressional resolution on June 14, 1777, resolving that it
- 10 carry 13 stripes, the colors representing hardiness and valor (red)

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and purity and innocence (white), and that it contain a constellation
of 13 white stars on a field of blue to represent justice, vigilance,
and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Since the first American flag, several congressional acts and presidential executive orders have altered the shape, design, and arrangement of the flag, and allowed for additional stars and stripes to reflect the admission of new states; and

WHEREAS, In 1794, Congress passed an act changing the American flag so that it contained 15 stripes and 15 stars; and

WHEREAS, In 1818, President Monroe signed legislation requiring that the American flag have 13 stripes and a star for each state in the union, with stars for newly added states applied to the flag on July 4 of the following year; and

WHEREAS, Flagmakers were able to use imaginative designs to accommodate new stars on the flag until 1912, when President Taft issued an executive order that established rows of stars as the standard design; and

WHEREAS, The 48-star American flag, represented by the traditional 13 stripes and six rows of eight stars, was the official flag from 1912 until 1959; and

WHEREAS, On May 30, 1916, President Wilson issued a proclamation calling for the first nationwide observance of Flag Day; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating the 14th day of June every year as National Flag Day; and

WHEREAS, On January 3, 1959, Alaska was formally granted statehood and the 49-star American flag, represented by the traditional 13 stripes and seven rows of seven stars, became the official flag when it was first officially raised over Fort McHenry National Historic Site in Baltimore, Maryland on July 4, 1959; and

WHEREAS, President Eisenhower issued Executive Order No. 10834 establishing the design of the new 50-star flag on August 21, 1959, the same day that Hawaii became the 50th state; and

WHEREAS, The 50-star flag, the current Stars and Stripes, became the official American flag on July 4, 1960, with a design of 13 stripes and 50 stars, represented by five rows of six stars alternating with four rows of five stars; and

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WHEREAS, Despite the numerous designs of the American flag, they have all stood for the United States Constitution, the American way of life, our collective past achievements, and our dreams for the future; and

WHEREAS, The United States Flag Code, as adopted by Congress, states, "the flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing," and this is why we should give the flag our full respect; and

WHEREAS, Redlands Elementary School teacher Miss Mary Fackler is attributed with starting the tradition of saying the Pledge of Allegiance in schools when she had her students regularly recite the first iteration of the Pledge written by Francis Bellamy that read: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all."; and

WHEREAS, By Act of Congress, dated June 20, 1985, Public Law 99-54 was passed to recognize the "pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" as part of the celebration of National Flag Day throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day celebrates our nation's symbol of unity, a representative democracy in a republic, and stands for our country's devotion to freedom, the rule of law, and equal rights; and

WHEREAS, The American flag has been immortalized in song, including "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa, "You're a Grand Old Flag" by George M. Cohan, and our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key; and

WHEREAS, Since the founding of our nation, the flag has held a unique place in the hearts of those brave men and women who have served in our nation's Armed Forces, whereby in each of our nation's wars examples may be found of soldiers offering their lives not only in defense of our nation, but also in honor of our flag and the principles it embodies; and

WHEREAS, In 2025, the 50-star American flag celebrates its 65th anniversary as the official Stars and Stripes, representing the longest period that any fixed flag design has been used; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes June 14, 2025, as Flag Day in California and encourages the citizens of the state

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- to celebrate the symbol of our freedom and remember the hard work and sacrifices that so many made to ensure that freedom;
- and be it further
- Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution. 4
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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair SCR 74 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced May 5, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Flag Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes June 14, 2025, as Flag Day in California; and, encourages the citizens of the state to celebrate the symbol of our freedom and remember the hard work and sacrifices that so many made to ensure that freedom. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) For more than two centuries, the American flag has been a banner of hope for generations of Americans and those seeking freedom around the world. The flag is a symbol of a country that has grown from 13 colonies to a united nation of 50 sovereign states.
- 2) The first flag of the United States was authorized by congressional resolution on June 14, 1777, resolving that it carry 13 stripes, the colors representing hardiness and valor (red), purity and innocence (white), and that it contain a constellation of 13 white stars on a field of blue to represent justice, vigilance, and perseverance.
- 3) Since the first American flag, several congressional acts and presidential executive orders have altered the shape, design, and arrangement of the flag, and allowed for additional stars and stripes to reflect the admission of new states.
- 4) The 50-star American flag, the current Stars and Stripes, became the official American flag on July 4, 1960, with a design of 13 stripes and 50 stars, represented by five rows of six stars alternating with four rows of five stars.
- 5) Flag Day celebrates our nation's symbol of unity, a representative democracy in a republic, and stands for our country's devotion to freedom, the rule of law, and equal rights.
- 6) In 2025, the 50-star American flag celebrates its 65th anniversary as the official Stars and Stripes, representing the longest period that any fixed flag design has been used.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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Introduced by Senator Weber Pierson (Coauthors: Senators Durazo, Gonzalez, Limón, Menjivar, Richardson, Rubio, Valladares, and Wiener)

May 7, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 75, as introduced, Weber Pierson. Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

This measure would declare the month of June 2025 as Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month, recognize Friday, June 20, 2025, as The Longest Day, and urge all Californians to commemorate the month of June 2025 as Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The month of June 2025 has been declared
- 2 Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month to help educate
- 3 the public on this debilitating disease, increase efforts to combat
- 4 its human and economic costs, and encourage all Californians to
- 5 take charge of their brain health; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 20, 2025, has been
- 7 declared The Longest Day, with people around the world fighting
- 8 against the darkness of Alzheimer's disease by coming together
- 9 to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people with this
- 10 diagnosis through a day of activity and advocacy on the day with
- 11 the most light; and

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WHEREAS, California has 720,000 residents living with Alzheimer's disease, more than any other state in the nation; and WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease was the second leading cause of death among adults in California in 2022, as stated in the State

5 Public Health Officer's recent report on the 2024 status of public health; and

WHEREAS, Recent research published by the State Department of Public Health in 2021 indicates that, over the next 20 years, the impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia will increase dramatically. While the population of California will expand by 16 percent, the population of people living with Alzheimer's disease will expand by 127 percent; and

WHEREAS, Research on the expansion of people living with Alzheimer's disease showed communities of color will shoulder a disproportionate share of the increase in the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease. The number of Latinx or Hispanic Californians living with Alzheimer's disease will nearly triple by 2040. Additionally, the number of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders living with Alzheimer's disease will more than double; and

WHEREAS, Californians with dementia will visit emergency departments nearly 1,000,000 times per year and are readmitted to the hospital one out of five times after discharge; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a family disease, impacting 1,373,000 California spouses, partners, children, siblings, grandchildren, and other relatives who provide unpaid assistance to a loved one; and

WHEREAS, California caregivers devote approximately 1,800,000,000 hours of unpaid assistance to family members, valued at over \$44,200,000,000 in nongovernmental financial support; and

WHEREAS, Disparities in detection and diagnosis persist, resulting in less than 50 percent of individuals affected by the disease receiving a formal diagnosis that is disclosed to them by a clinician and documented in their medical record; and

WHEREAS, On average, a person 65 years of age and older lives 4 to 8 years after a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, but may live as long as 20 years, depending on other factors; and -3- SCR 75

WHEREAS, Age is the greatest known risk factor for Alzheimer's disease, which has no proven way to prevent it and currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS, Californians invest in Alzheimer's disease research through the voluntary contribution funds and have raised more than \$25,000,000 since its inception for research into treatments to slow the progression of, and develop a cure for, the disease; and

WHEREAS, Individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers need acknowledgment, support, and services to meet their needs over the lengthy progression of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares June 2025 as Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month, recognizes Friday, June 20, 2025, as The Longest Day, and urges all Californians to commemorate the month of June 2025 as Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month; and be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair SCR 75 (Weber Pierson) – As Introduced May 7, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of June 2025 as Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month, and recognizes Friday, June 20, 2025, as The Longest Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The month of June 2025 has been declared Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month to help educate the public on this debilitating disease, increase efforts to combat its human and economic costs, and encourage all Californians to take charge of their brain health.
- 2) The summer solstice, June 20, 2025, has been declared The Longest Day, with people around the world coming together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease with a day of activity and advocacy.
- 3) California has 720,000 residents living with Alzheimer's disease, more than any other state in the nation. Alzheimer's disease was the second leading cause of death among Californians in 2022.
- 4) Recent research published by the State Department of Public Health in 2021 indicates that, over the next 20 years, the impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia will increase dramatically. While the population of California will expand by 16 percent, the population of people living with Alzheimer's disease will expand by 127 percent.
- 5) Disparities in detection and diagnosis persist, resulting in less than 50 percent of individuals affected by the disease receiving a formal diagnosis that is disclosed to them by a clinician and documented in their medical record. On average, a person with Alzheimer's disease lives 4 to 8 years after diagnosis, but may live as long as 20 years, depending on other factors.
- 6) Californians invest in Alzheimer's disease research through the voluntary contribution funds and have raised more than \$25 million since its inception for research into treatments to slow the progression of, and develop a cure for, the disease.
- 7) Individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers need acknowledgment, support, and services to meet their needs over the lengthy progression of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Niello (Coauthor: Senator Alvarado-Gil)

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Alanis)

May 15, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 81—Relative to Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 81, as introduced, Niello. Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

This measure would declare September 2025 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

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

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WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who have Chiari malformation may often have related conditions, such as hydrocephalus, spina bifida, syringomyelia, tethered spinal cord syndrome, and spinal curvature; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke within the National Institutes of Health, is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and to identify the cause of Chiari malformations to create improved treatment and prevention plans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares September 2025 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair SCR 81 (Niello) – As Introduced May 15, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of September 2025 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. It was first identified by Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890s, and categorized into four types, in order of severity.
- 2) Chiari malformation is a congenital malformation in which the bottom of the brain, known as the cerebellum, is crowded in the skull cavity and forces the lower tips of the cerebellar hemispheres, or tonsils, into the hole in the bottom of the skull, or foramen magnum.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke within the National Institutes of Health, is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and to identify the cause of Chiari malformations to create improved treatment and prevention plans.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Stern (Coauthors: Senators Hurtado and Valladares)

May 15, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to Hypertension Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 83, as introduced, Stern. Hypertension Awareness Month. This measure would recognize May 2025 as Hypertension Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure,
- affects nearly one-half of all adults in the United States and is a
- leading risk factor for various cardiovascular diseases; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Only about one in four adults with hypertension
- 5 have their condition under control; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Annual health care costs associated with high blood
- pressure were an estimated \$219,000,000,000 in the United States 7
- in 2019, with medical costs for people with high blood pressure
- 9 being about \$2,800 higher than for people without high blood pressure; and 10
- WHEREAS, Hypertension often goes undetected and untreated, 11
- leading to severe health complications, including heart disease, 12
- stroke, and kidney failure, and contributing to 685,875 deaths in 13
- 2022 in the United States; and 14
- WHEREAS, In 2024, almost 30 percent of adults in California 15
- had a diagnosis of hypertension, with an additional estimated 7 16
- percent to have borderline hypertension; and

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WHEREAS, California has the second highest mortality rate from hypertension in the United States at 14.4 per 100,000 people, leading to 6,727 deaths per year; and

WHEREAS, Hypertension disproportionately impacts certain populations, including, but not limited to, communities of color, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, and individuals with limited access to health care services, leading to health disparities and inequities in the prevalence, management, and outcomes of high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, In California, American Indian and Alaska Natives (37.3 percent), African Americans (46.0 percent), and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders (44.7 percent) are more likely to have been diagnosed with high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, Early detection, proper management, and access to medical treatment are critical to reducing the prevalence and impact of hypertension on individuals' health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Access to affordable and quality health care services, including medical treatments, is crucial for managing hypertension and improving health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Recent advancements in medical technology have expanded the range of treatment options for individuals with hypertension, including those with resistant hypertension; and

WHEREAS, Access to innovative treatments is essential for improving public health and reducing the burden of hypertension-related complications; and

WHEREAS, Community initiatives, health care professionals, and advocacy organizations play a vital role in educating the public, providing resources, and advocating for policies that enhance hypertension awareness and access to medical care; and

WHEREAS, The month of May is dedicated to raising awareness about hypertension, promoting education about prevention and management, and encouraging individuals to monitor their blood pressure regularly; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes May 2025 as Hypertension Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature acknowledges the importance of raising awareness about hypertension's risks, prevention, and management strategies; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Legislature encourages health care providers, public health agencies, and community organizations to continue their efforts in educating and empowering individuals to monitor and manage their blood pressure effectively; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature emphasizes the significance of access to affordable and comprehensive health care services, including innovative medical treatments, in addressing hypertension and reducing its impact on individuals and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature supports initiatives that aim to improve health care access, affordability, and education regarding hypertension management and treatment options; and be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair SCR 83 (Stern) – As Introduced May 15, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Hypertension Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 2025 as Hypertension Awareness Month to raise awareness about hypertension's risks, prevention, and management strategies. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, affects nearly one-half of all adults in the United States, and is a leading risk factor for various cardiovascular diseases. Only about one in four adults with hypertension have their condition under control.
- 2) Hypertension often goes undetected and untreated, leading to severe health complications, including heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure, contributing to 685,875 deaths in 2022.
- 3) In 2024, almost 30 percent of adults in California had a diagnosis of hypertension, with an additional estimated 7 percent to have borderline hypertension. California has the second highest mortality rate from hypertension in the United States at 14.4 per 100,000 people, leading to 6,727 deaths per year.
- 4) Hypertension disproportionately impacts certain populations, including, but not limited to, communities of color, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, and individuals with limited access to health care services, leading to health disparities and inequities in the prevalence, management, and outcomes of high blood pressure.
- 5) Early detection, proper management, and access to medical treatment are critical to reducing the prevalence and impact of hypertension on individuals' health and well-being.
- 6) The month of May is dedicated to raising awareness about hypertension, promoting education about prevention and management, and encouraging individuals to monitor their blood pressure regularly.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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Introduced by Senator Weber Pierson (Coauthors: Senators Richardson and Smallwood-Cuevas)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta, Bryan, Elhawary, Gipson, Jackson, McKinnor, Ransom, Sharp-Collins, and Wilson)

May 23, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to Juneteenth.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 86, as amended, Weber Pierson. Juneteenth.

This measure would recognize June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth and would urge the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as "Juneteenth
- 2 Independence Day," "Emancipation Day," "Emancipation
- 3 Celebration," and "Freedom Day," is the oldest African American
- 4 holiday observance in the United States; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the
- 6 date when the last slaves in America were freed, when
- 7 General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued
- 8 General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President
- 9 Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

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WHEREAS, 2025 marks 160 years of freedom celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the strong survival instinct of African Americans who were first brought to this country stacked and shackled in the bottom of slave ships in a month-long journey across the Atlantic Ocean known as the "Middle Passage"; and

WHEREAS, August 2019 marked 400 years since the first arrival of Africans to colonial America, and the United States Congress has established the 400 Years of African-American History Commission to commemorate the historic heritage and contributions that Americans of African descent have made to help shape the cultural, academic, social, economic, and moral attributes of this nation; and

WHEREAS, In August 1619, the first documented Africans arrived in the English colony of Virginia. The group, recorded upon arrival as "20 and odd Negros," was part of a larger group of West Africans enslaved by Portuguese slave traders. They were on their way to Veracruz, Mexico, aboard a Spanish ship when they were captured off the coast of Mexico by an English privateer ship and transported to Virginia, where they were put ashore at what is now Hampton, Virginia, and sold as involuntary laborers or indentured servants; and

WHEREAS, Slavery had not yet been institutionalized, so the Africans were informed they would work under contract for a certain period of time before being granted freedom and the rights afforded other settlers. However, while European indentured servants were listed along with their year of expected freedom, no such information accompanied the names of the African indentured servants: and

WHEREAS, On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, warning the rebellious Confederate States that he would declare their slaves "forever free" if those states did not return to the Union by January 1, 1863. Enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation occurred only in Confederate States that were under Union Army control; and

WHEREAS, Even after the lapse of California's Fugitive Slave Law in 1855, masters informally held enslaved people in California _3_ SCR 86

until 1864, and it was not until June 28, 1864, that all fugitive slave
laws were officially repealed; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the end of the Civil War, Congress passed the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution on January 31, 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and its territories. Spontaneous celebrations erupted throughout the country when African Americans learned of their freedom; and

WHEREAS, Texas, as a part of the Confederacy, was resistant to the Emancipation Proclamation. But on June 18, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to take possession of the state and enforce the emancipation of its slaves. Former slaves in Galveston rejoiced in the streets with jubilant celebrations. The following day, June 19th became known as "Juneteenth," a name derived from a portmanteau of the words "June" and "nineteenth." Juneteenth celebrations began in Texas the following year; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth education and celebrations declined in America in the early part of the 20th century, but the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s saw a resurgence of interest in Juneteenth, along with renewed community celebrations of the day; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official state recognition; and

WHEREAS, As of 2022, all 50 states in the country recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday or day of observance; and

WHEREAS, In June 2020, after the brutal murder of George Floyd, several prominent companies like Nike, the NFL, Twitter, and Square, announced plans to offer Juneteenth as a paid holiday to their employees. Further, financial institutions like JPMorgan Chase, Northern Trust, Fifth Third Bank, PNC Bank, and Capital One also announced that they will be closing all or parts of their business early on June 19 while paying employees for the full day; and

WHEREAS, On June 17, 2021, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, establishing June 19 as a federal holiday and making it the first federal holiday

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1 since the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983; 2 and

WHEREAS, A growing number of American and African American cultural institutions have sponsored Juneteenth cultural events designed to make all Americans aware of this celebration, including the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., the Chicago Historical Society, the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc., in Kansas City, Missouri, the California African American Museum in Los Angeles, California, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, the African American Museum in Dallas, Texas, and the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. Juneteenth celebrations are a tribute to those African Americans who fought so long for freedom and worked so hard to make the dream of equality a reality; and

WHEREAS, California law requires the Governor to proclaim the third Saturday in June of each year to be known as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day: A day of observance," to urge all Californians in celebrating this day to honor and reflect on the significant roles that African Americans have played in the history of the United States and how African Americans have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting freedom, brotherhood, and equality; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and for planning the future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby recognizes June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth; and be it further Resolved, That the Legislature urges the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair SCR 86 (Weber Pierson) – As Amended May 29, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Juneteenth.

SUMMARY: Recognizes June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth; and, urges the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States, and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Juneteenth, also known as "Juneteenth Independence Day," "Emancipation Day," "Emancipation Celebration," and "Freedom Day," is the oldest African American holiday observance in the United States.
- 2) Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last slaves in America were freed, when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 3) Juneteenth education and celebrations declined in America in the early part of the 20th century, but the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s saw a resurgence of interest in Juneteenth, along with renewed community celebrations of the day.
- 4) On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official state recognition.
- 5) As of 2022, all 50 states in the country recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday or day of observance.
- 6) California law requires the Governor to proclaim the third Saturday in June of each year to be known as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day: A day of observance," to urge all Californians in celebrating this day to honor and reflect on the significant roles that African Americans have played in the history of the United States.
- 7) A growing number of American and African American cultural institutions have sponsored Juneteenth cultural events designed to make all Americans aware of this celebration, including the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., the Chicago Historical Society, the Black Archives of Mid-America in Kansas City, and the California African American Museum in the City of Los Angeles.
- 8) Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest

speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and for planning the future.

9) 2025 marks 160 years of freedom celebrations.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

Introduced by Senator Weber Pierson (Coauthor: Senator Blakespear)

May 28, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 87—Relative to focal segmental glomerulosclerosis.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 87, as introduced, Weber Pierson. Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis.

This measure would designate June 10, 2025, as Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis Awareness Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- WHEREAS, Approximately one in seven American adults have chronic kidney disease, and the third leading cause of chronic
- 3 kidney disease is glomerulonephritis, often caused by rare kidney
- 4 diseases such as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS); and
- 5 WHEREAS, FSGS is a condition referring to the scarring in the
- 6 kidneys, often leading to a difficult condition that can, in many
- 7 cases, result in kidney failure, requiring dialysis, transplant, and 8 often cycles of remissions and relapse; and
 - WHEREAS, Fifty percent of patients with FSGS require dialysis or a kidney transplant within 5 to 10 years of their diagnosis; and
- 11 WHEREAS, FSGS is a severe disease because it often
- 12 progresses rapidly to kidney failure, and even for patients with
- 13 primary FSGS who receive a kidney transplant, FSGS can recur
- 14 in their transplanted kidney up to 50 percent of the time; and

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WHEREAS, FSGS can be diagnosed at any age, but is most commonly diagnosed in adults rather than in children and is most prevalent in adults over 45 years old; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Registry of Rare Kidney Diseases (RaDaR) database in the United Kingdom, rare kidney diseases like FSGS make up just 5 to 10 percent of chronic kidney disease patients, but account for approximately 30 percent of kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, Many patients face delays in being diagnosed with FSGS due both to the difficulty of obtaining a proper diagnosis of a rare disease, which averages five to seven years, and challenges in accessing nephrology care that specializes in rare kidney diseases, as there is currently a shortage of practitioners in the United States: and

WHEREAS, FSGS disproportionately impacts minority populations, including African Americans, often occurring at a rate four to five times higher than white Americans; and

WHEREAS, Because certain variants of the APOL1 gene significantly increase the risk of developing FSGS and other kidney diseases and these high-risk variants are found almost exclusively in individuals of African ancestry, FSGS contributes to the disproportionate burden of kidney disease in Black communities; and

WHEREAS, FSGS is a significant burden, not just to the health and lives of patients and their families, but also because it incurs great challenges and costs for California's health care system. A 2019 study estimated that FSGS costs Medicaid, Medicare, and private health insurance about \$2 billion annually in direct medical costs, not including indirect and quality of life costs; and

WHEREAS, There is new hope for patients with FSGS, with clinical trials underway for products that may delay progression of FSGS and the onset of kidney disease, including the potential for FDA-approved therapies in the near future. Significant progress is being made by scientists, regulators, patient groups, and industry to validate proteinuria as an indicator of improvement in patients; and

WHEREAS, Patients, families, advocacy organizations like NephCure, health care providers, industry, and researchers are 38 working tirelessly to raise awareness, promote early detection, and

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develop new innovative therapies for FSGS and other rare kidney
 diseases for patients living in California; and

WHEREAS, FSGS Awareness Day is designated to raise awareness of FSGS, to provide support and inspiration to patients and families struggling with the disease, and to promote the efforts needed for better diagnosis and access to future treatments that can transform the course of the disease; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Senate designates June 10, 2025, as Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis Awareness Day; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair SCR 87 (Weber Pierson) – As Introduced May 28, 2025

SENATE VOTE:

SUBJECT: Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis.

SUMMARY: Designates June 10, 2025, as Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis Awareness Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Approximately one in seven American adults have chronic kidney disease, and the third leading cause of chronic kidney disease is glomerulonephritis, often caused by rare kidney diseases such as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS).
- 2) FSGS is a condition referring to the scarring in the kidneys, often leading to a difficult condition that can, in many cases, result in kidney failure, requiring dialysis, transplant, and often cycles of remissions and relapse.
- 3) FSGS is a severe disease because it often progresses rapidly to kidney failure, and even for patients with primary FSGS who receive a kidney transplant, FSGS can recur in their transplanted kidney up to 50 percent of the time.
- 4) Many patients face delays in being diagnosed with FSGS due both to the difficulty of obtaining a proper diagnosis of a rare disease, which averages five to seven years, and challenges in accessing nephrology care that specializes in rare kidney diseases, as there is currently a shortage of practitioners in the United States.
- 5) There is new hope for patients with FSGS, with clinical trials underway for products that may delay progression of FSGS and the onset of kidney disease, including the potential for FDA-approved therapies in the near future.
- 6) FSGS Awareness Day is designated to raise awareness of FSGS, to provide support and inspiration to patients and families struggling with the disease, and to promote the efforts needed for better diagnosis and access to future treatments.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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Introduced by Senator Blakespear (Coauthor: Senator Jones)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Connolly and Pellerin)

June 10, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 94—Relative to California Mountain Biking and Trail Stewardship Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 94, as introduced, Blakespear. California Mountain Biking and Trail Stewardship Month.

This measure would declare the month of June 2025 as California Mountain Biking and Trail Stewardship Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Mountain biking represents a vibrant lifestyle, 2 sport, and culture in California and the broader United States; and 3 WHEREAS, Mountain biking promotes a healthy lifestyle and contributes to positive physical and mental health outcomes, 4 thereby reducing individual and community health care costs; and 5 WHEREAS, Mountain biking has many disciplines, including 6 trail riding, cross country, cyclocross, downhill, enduro, gravel, 7 adventure, bikepacking, dirt jumping, BMX, freeride, and other 8
- 9 related off-road cycling activities; and
 10 WHEREAS, Interscholastic mountain biking originated as a
 11 high school sport in California in the mid-2000s and has spread
 12 across the nation to become the fastest-growing high school activity
- nationally over the past decade, providing opportunities for youth
- 14 development, friendly competition, and building independence,

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self-reliance, teamwork, confidence, and a reduced time spent on electronic devices among our youth; and

WHEREAS, Mountain biking takes place on natural surface trails, unpaved roads, and purpose-built bike park facilities throughout California's public lands and open spaces, using bicycles designed for off-road use; and

WHEREAS, Trails can provide access to nature, serve as attractions themselves, or both; and

WHEREAS, Modern sustainable trail design and construction methodologies can protect cultural and natural resources, restore ecosystems and habitats, and help prevent catastrophic fires; and

WHEREAS, The California Recreational Trails Act recognizes bicycling and trails as important contributions to the health and welfare of the state's population and encourages the development by cities, counties, districts, and private groups of recreational and interpretive trails; and

WHEREAS, Mountain bikers have proven themselves to be capable and effective trail stewards and advocates for recreation, trails, and public lands; and

WHEREAS, Mountain biking and trail stewardship serve rural and urban populations and are accessible to all, transcending borders, skill level, socioeconomic status, race, gender, age, ethnicity, and agency; and

WHEREAS, Partnerships between trail stewardship nonprofits and state, federal, and local land managers provide agile, community-based expertise to recreational trail projects on public parklands; and

WHEREAS, California has over 80 bike-friendly trail stewardship organizations throughout the state which steward thousands of miles of trails for the benefit of all recreational trail users; and

WHEREAS, Bike-friendly trail stewardship organizations also organize and host a plethora of community events, including trail stewardship dig days, bike tune-up clinics, bike riding classes, and movie nights; and

WHEREAS, California's mountain biking industry contributes over \$2.3 billion in spending to the state's economy annually and creates over 17,000 jobs. It generated over \$153,000,000 in state and local taxes in 2017 and has grown significantly since then, making mountain biking tourism a potential driver of economic

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revitalization for California communities, especially those needing economic recovery after natural disasters and ongoing reductions in extractive land uses; and

WHEREAS, June 7 is National Trails Day and June 11 to June 15, inclusive, is California State Parks Week; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares the month of June 2025 as California Mountain Biking and Trail Stewardship Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: June 30, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair SCR 94 (Blakespear) – As Introduced June 10, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: California Mountain Biking and Trail Stewardship Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of June 2025 as California Mountain Biking and Trail Stewardship Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mountain biking represents a vibrant lifestyle, sport, and culture in California and the broader United States. It promotes a healthy lifestyle and contributes to positive physical and mental health outcomes, thereby reducing individual and community health care costs.
- 2) Mountain biking has many disciplines, including trail riding, cross country, cyclocross, downhill, enduro, gravel, adventure, bikepacking, dirt jumping, BMX, freeride, and other related off-road cycling activities.
- 3) Interscholastic mountain biking originated as a high school sport in California in the mid-2000s and has spread across the nation to become the fastest-growing high school activity nationally over the past decade, providing opportunities for youth development, friendly competition, and building independence, self-reliance, teamwork, confidence, and a reduced time spent on electronic devices among our youth.
- 4) Modern sustainable trail design and construction methodologies can protect cultural and natural resources, restore ecosystems and habitats, and help prevent catastrophic fires. Mountain bikers have proven themselves to be capable and effective trail stewards and advocates for recreation, trails, and public lands.
- 5) Partnerships between trail stewardship nonprofits and state, federal, and local land managers provide agile, community-based expertise to recreational trail projects on public parklands.
- 6) June 7 is National Trails Day, and June 11 to June 15, inclusive, is California State Parks Week.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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June 25th, 2025

Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chair Assembly Rules Committee 1021 O St., Suite 6250 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Pacheco,

I request permission to add an urgency clause to AB 1533 (Wicks) – Claims against the state: appropriation.

AB 1533 appropriates money to various individuals and state agencies for claims against the state. This act is an urgent statute necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution, and it must take effect immediately.

I have attached a copy of the proposed amendments. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Buffy Wicks

Assemblymember, 14th District

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1533 AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 23, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025—26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1533

Introduced by Assembly Member Wicks

April 28, 2025



An act relating to the payment of claims against the state, and state claims, making an appropriation therefor, therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

Amendment 1
Amendment 2

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1533, as amended, Wicks. Claims against the state: appropriation. *State claims*.

Existing law requires the Department of General Services to ensure that all claims that have been approved by the department, and for which there exists no legally available appropriation, are submitted for legislative approval at least once each calendar year.

This bill would appropriate \$105,058.56 to the Department of General Services, as specified, for the payment of claims accepted by the Government Claims Program.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Existing law, the Government Claims Act, requires the Department of General Services to designate the fund from which a claim is to be paid and requires the state agency concerned to pay the claim from that fund if, among other things, the Director of Finance certifies that a sufficient appropriation for the payment of the claim exists.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

AB 1533

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Existing law creates the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund and directs moneys appropriated from that account to be expended by the Department of Motor Vehicles in carrying out the provisions of the Vehicle Code and in enforcing any other laws relating to vehicles or the use of highways.

This bill would appropriate \$600 from the General Fund and \$72 from the Motor Vehicle Account for the payment of 2 specified purposes.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) The sum of one hundred five thousand fifty-eight dollars and fifty-six cents (\$105,058.56) is hereby appropriated to the Department of General Services for the payment of claims accepted by the Government Claims Program in accordance with the schedule set forth in subdivision (b). (b) Pursuant to subdivision (a), claims accepted by the Department of General Services shall be paid in accordance with the following schedule: +Total for Fund: General Fund (0001)\$600.00 Total for Fund: Item 3900-001-0115\$19,684.86 +Total for Fund: Budget Act of 2025, Program 3500 + Total for Fund: Labor Enforcement\$1,000.00 +and Compliance Fund (3152) + Total for Fund: Item 7350-001-3152 + Unpaid Wage Fund (0913) +Total for Fund: Item 7350-011-0913 Total for Fund: State Highway Account\$19,067.31 +Total for Fund: Item 0521-001-0042 (0044)+Total for Fund: Item 0521-001-0044 Total for Fund: Unemployment\$2,232.16 Administration Fund (0870)

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Total for Fund: Item 7100-001-0870

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SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to pay claims against the state and end hardship to claimants as quickly as possible, it is necessary that this bill go into immediate effect.

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SECTION 1. (a) The sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) shall be appropriated from the General Fund to the Franchise Tax Board for purposes of reissuing a Golden State Stimulus cheek to Christina Chang.

- (\$72) shall be appropriated from the Motor Vehicle Account, as established in Section 42271 of the Vehicle Code, to the Department of Motor Vehicles for purposes of reissuing a Vehicle License Fee rebate from August 21, 2001, to Flor Albert.
- (e) Any funds appropriated in excess of the amounts actually required for the payment of the purposes listed above shall revert to the fund from which the appropriation was made on June 30 of the fiscal year in which the final payment is made.

Amendment 4

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June 25, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco Chair, Assembly Committee on Rules 1021 O Street, Suite 6250 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for Urgency Clause - Senate Bill 418 (Menjivar)

Dear Chair Pacheco,

I respectfully request the inclusion of an urgency clause to Senate Bill 418 (Menjivar).

SB 418 codifies federal regulations issued under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in state law that ensure basic protections from discrimination in any health program or activity that receives government funding. Additionally, this bill would increase access to prescription hormone therapy to patients by requiring pharmacists to dispense up to a 12-month supply of prescriptive hormone therapy, when it has been deemed medically necessary. The bill will also require health plans to provide coverage for a 12-month refill of prescription hormone therapy obtained at one time by an enrollee.

With each day, we are getting new updates on how the Trump administration is looking to undermine access to gender affirming care. The ongoing attacks alongside the Supreme Court's recent ruling to uphold a state law banning gender affirming care for kids is yet another setback for the protections that exist for Californians.

The Trump administration has spread dangerous misinformation about the safety and efficacy of gender-affirming care, attempted to restrict federal funding for hospitals and clinics that provide this care, and even threatened healthcare providers with criminal penalties simply for providing medically necessary care to transgender youth. These threats are not only chilling access to care, but also creating fear and uncertainty for patients, providers, and entire healthcare systems.

Several states working to restrict gender affirming care during Trump's first presidency led to the closure of 70 clinics by 2023. In a June 12th email to patients, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, one of the largest clinics for gender-affirming care in the country, will cease operating its gender affirming clinic on July 22. Essential care includes Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT), which affects a large community of individuals, such as transgender individuals, individuals undergoing cancer, and individuals experiencing perimenopause, menopause, osteoporosis prevention, or other hormone deficiencies, to treat conditions like hyperthyroidism.

Due to the federal administration and its attack on our transgender community, individuals have to stockpile their prescription Hormone therapy, ration or stockpile medications to avoid treatment gaps, or seek care in an unregulated market. There is data confirming the behavioral health concerns that come from not having access to this essential care, among these being increased anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation. This bill is responding to this issue in real time by applying the exact mechanism that exists for contraception, where you can get up to a 12-month supply at one time.

This bill and its urgency will ensure that California remains a leader in healthcare equity and ensure access to essential care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

CAROLINE MENJIVAR, MSW, Senator

20th State Senate District

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM: COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

ISSUE:

Should a 4% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) be provided to Assembly salaried employees effective July 1, 2025?

BACKGROUND:

Recognizing rising costs and the current job market, this COLA will help the Assembly remain competitive in the recruitment and retention of Assembly employees.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve