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Thursday, August 28, 2025
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 126

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 8/27/2025
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Attached is a list of referral recommendations.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

08/28/2025

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

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<u>SJR 8</u>	JUD.

House Resolution

No. 64

Introduced by Assembly Member Hoover

August 27, 2025

House Resolution No. 64—Relative to World Meditation Day.

1 WHEREAS, For many years, meditation teachers and students
2 desired a collective global celebration of the over 5,000-year-old
3 mental and spiritual practice of meditation, including meditation
4 teacher Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, who explained, “meditation
5 is the skill to calm the mind and connect with inner joy and peace,
6 a state of deep rest and alertness. Meditation is the delicate art of
7 doing nothing and letting go of all the efforts to relax into your
8 true nature”; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2024, the United Nations General Assembly
10 proclaimed December 21 as World Meditation Day, recalling the
11 right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable
12 standard of physical and mental health; and

13 WHEREAS, Meditation is a timeless practice that promotes
14 mental, emotional, and physical well-being, fostering inner peace,
15 clarity, and resilience; and

16 WHEREAS, Meditation can help people come out of depression
17 and aggression, and has been scientifically proven to reduce stress,
18 improve focus, enhance emotional health, and contribute to overall
19 quality of life; and

20 WHEREAS, The practice of meditation transcends cultural,
21 religious, and socioeconomic boundaries, uniting individuals across
22 the globe in a shared pursuit of mindfulness and self-awareness;
23 and

1 WHEREAS, December 21, the winter solstice, symbolizes a
2 time of reflection, renewal, and the return of light, making it a
3 fitting day to celebrate the transformative power of meditation;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, World Meditation Day encourages individuals,
6 communities, and organizations to pause, reflect, and engage in
7 meditation practices, fostering a more compassionate and
8 harmonious world; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the importance
10 of mental health and wellness, and supports initiatives that promote
11 holistic approaches to well-being for all its residents; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
14 Assembly hereby recognizes December 21, 2025, and annually
15 thereafter, as World Meditation Day, encouraging all Californians
16 to participate in meditation practices, whether individually or
17 collectively, to cultivate peace, mindfulness, and unity; and be it
18 further

19 *Resolved*, That the Assembly encourages schools, workplaces,
20 community organizations, and local governments to observe World
21 Meditation Day by offering opportunities for meditation,
22 mindfulness programs, and educational initiatives that highlight
23 the benefits of this practice; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Assembly calls upon the residents of the
25 State of California to embrace the spirit of World Meditation Day,
26 recognizing the power of meditation to transform lives, strengthen
27 communities, and contribute to a more peaceful and compassionate
28 world; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 64 (Hoover) – As Introduced August 27, 2025

SUBJECT: World Meditation Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes December 21, 2025, and annually thereafter, as World Meditation Day; and, encourages all Californians to participate in meditation practices, whether individually or collectively, to cultivate peace, mindfulness, and unity. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) For many years, meditation teachers and students desired a collective global celebration of the over 5,000-year-old mental and spiritual practice of meditation. In 2024, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed December 21 as World Meditation Day, recalling the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.
- 2) Meditation is a timeless practice that promotes mental, emotional, and physical well-being, fostering inner peace, clarity, and resilience. It can help people come out of depression and aggression, and has been scientifically proven to reduce stress, improve focus, enhance emotional health, and contribute to overall quality of life.
- 3) The practice of meditation transcends cultural, religious, and socioeconomic boundaries, uniting individuals across the globe in a shared pursuit of mindfulness and self-awareness.
- 4) December 21, the winter solstice, symbolizes a time of reflection, renewal, and the return of light, making it a fitting day to celebrate the transformative power of meditation.
- 5) World Meditation Day encourages individuals, communities, and organizations to pause, reflect, and engage in meditation practices, fostering a more compassionate and harmonious world.
- 6) The State of California recognizes the importance of mental health and wellness, and supports initiatives that promote holistic approaches to well-being for all its residents.

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

House Resolution

No. 65

Introduced by Assembly Member Caloza
(Principal coauthor: Senator Cabaldon)

August 27, 2025

House Resolution No. 65—Relative to Filipino American History Month.

1 WHEREAS, Filipinos and Filipino Americans have been
2 contributing to California and the United States for hundreds of
3 years, ever since October 18, 1587, when the first “Luzones Indios”
4 set foot in Morro Bay, California, on board the Nuestra Señora de
5 Esperanza, a Manila-built galleon ship captained by Pedro de
6 Unamuno of Spain; and
7 WHEREAS, In the late 1700s and early 1800s, Filipinos helped
8 Father Junípero Serra establish the California mission system; and
9 WHEREAS, Since the late 1800s, Filipino communities have
10 existed in southern Louisiana, according to oral histories recorded
11 by Rhonda Richoux Fox; and
12 WHEREAS, After the Philippines was colonized by the United
13 States, Filipinos began immigrating to San Francisco, where they
14 contributed to the city both as military personnel and as service
15 sector workers such as bellhops, dishwashers, servants, and cooks;
16 established, by the 1920s, a thriving community around Kearny
17 and Jackson Streets, which became known as “Manilatown”; and
18 settled, during the post-World War II era, into the Fillmore, South
19 of Market, and Excelsior districts; and
20 WHEREAS, Between 1906 and 1935, the first large wave of
21 Filipino immigration to the United States began, as over 150,000
22 Filipinos were recruited to California, Alaska, and Hawaii to work

1 in the agricultural industries, canneries, and sugarcane plantations,
2 respectively; and

3 WHEREAS, The Filipino contract workers in Hawaii, or
4 “Sakadas,” became the largest group of Asians on the sugarcane
5 plantations by the 1920s; and

6 WHEREAS, At the turn of the 20th century, Filipino students,
7 or “pensionados,” farm workers, and laborers in manufacturing
8 and in the service sector began settling in Stockton, California and
9 the surrounding San Joaquin Delta area, where they built a
10 community that became the largest concentration of Filipinos
11 outside of the Philippines and established a thriving six-block
12 ethnic neighborhood that became known as “Little Manila”; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2000, the Stockton City Council designated
14 “Little Manila”, in downtown Stockton at the intersection of
15 Lafayette and El Dorado Streets, as the first Filipino historical site
16 in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, In the first decades of the 20th century, thousands
18 of Filipinos worked in agricultural fields throughout California,
19 in cities and regions such as the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta,
20 the central coast, Salinas, Imperial Valley, Orange County, the
21 Inland Empire, Delano, Bakersfield, Coachella Valley, and the
22 San Francisco Bay area, and became a critical element in the
23 growth and political economy of the state, often enduring harsh
24 labor conditions and poor wages, but persevering and creating a
25 strong legacy of mutual support, organizing and striking for
26 farmworker unionization; and

27 WHEREAS, In the 1920s, Filipinos in California also worked
28 as laborers in the shipyards of Vallejo, where they established a
29 Filipino American community and business center and became so
30 successful that there were thousands of Filipinos working as
31 shipbuilders by the start of World War II; and

32 WHEREAS, During World War II, approximately 200,000
33 Filipino soldiers battled under the command of the United States
34 Armed Forces to defend the United States and the Philippines
35 against the aggression of the Japanese occupation; and WHEREAS,
36 Thousands of these Filipino soldiers came from California, served
37 in the First and Second Filipino Infantry Regiments, underwent
38 training at Salinas and at Fort Ord, California, and were stationed
39 at Camp Beale near Sacramento and Camp Cooke near Santa
40 Maria; and

1 WHEREAS, After World War II ended, many Filipinos who
2 had served in the United States Navy settled in National City and
3 elsewhere in the County of San Diego, as well as in the
4 communities of West Long Beach and Wilmington, where they
5 worked in the Long Beach shipyards and Terminal Island canneries,
6 served in the harbor area as nurses and medical workers, and
7 created flourishing Filipino American communities numbering in
8 the tens of thousands; and

9 WHEREAS, Between 1941 and 1959, the second wave of
10 Filipino immigration to the United States began, as nurses, students,
11 “war brides” and fiancées of World War II military personnel and
12 veterans, tourists, and Filipino members of the United States Navy
13 came to the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1965, the third wave of Filipino immigration to
15 the United States began, as the passing of the Immigration and
16 Nationality Act abolished “national origins” as the basis for
17 immigration, allowing for more immigration from Asia and Latin
18 America and for much-needed Filipino medical professionals to
19 come to the United States to fill United States labor shortages; and

20 WHEREAS, On September 8, 1965, Filipino American
21 agricultural labor leaders, including Larry Itliong and Philip Vera
22 Cruz, organized more than 1,500 farm workers from the
23 Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee in the Delano Grape
24 Strike of 1965, in partnership with César Chávez, Dolores Huerta,
25 and other Mexican American labor leaders of the National Farm
26 Workers Association, sparking one of the greatest social, economic,
27 and racial justice movements in the history of California and the
28 United States, and led to the establishment of the United Farm
29 Workers of America; and

30 WHEREAS, These agricultural workers, along with other
31 volunteers, also built Agbayani Village, a retirement facility for
32 elderly Filipino farmworkers, or “Manongs,” located at Forty Acres
33 in Delano in the County of Kern; and

34 WHEREAS, In 1968, Filipino student organizers were
35 instrumental in the leadership of the Third World Liberation Front
36 that led to the founding of our nation’s first Third World College
37 at the University of California, Berkeley, and the first College of
38 Ethnic Studies, at California State University, San Francisco, that
39 was part of the larger effort to democratize higher education for
40 all; and

1 WHEREAS, From 1968 to 1977, Filipino American activists
2 and residents of San Francisco's International Hotel organized a
3 widely supported multiracial campaign that challenged local
4 authorities and private development to place people and the public
5 good ahead of profit and support affordable housing for Filipino
6 and Chinese immigrants and community members; and

7 WHEREAS, From 1972 to 1986, Filipino American activists
8 organized massive educational and political campaigns to restore
9 civil liberties in the Philippines during the period of martial law
10 in that country, creating dynamic local responses to international
11 politics and placing pressure on the United States government to
12 end its support of the Marcos dictatorship; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1973, the fourth wave of Filipino immigration
14 to the United States began, as political exiles and refugees from
15 the Marcos era, intellectuals, tourists, students, student activists,
16 professionals, semiprofessionals, and families came to the United
17 States; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2002, the City of Los Angeles, home to over
19 120,000 Filipinos, designated part of the city as the "Historic
20 Filipinotown" district, the largest designation of this kind in the
21 country; and

22 WHEREAS, The Filipino Community Center of the Los Angeles
23 Harbor area in the community of Wilmington continues to serve
24 as a model organization, facilitating community events such as
25 weddings, baptisms, pageants, and fiestas; and

26 WHEREAS, On November 8, 2013, Super Typhoon
27 Haiyan/Yolanda, one of the strongest storms ever recorded, struck
28 the Philippines, displacing over 4,000,000 Filipinos and affecting
29 countless communities across Asia through tropical storms in its
30 aftermath; and

31 WHEREAS, Today, numerous other community-based
32 institutions that take responsibility for the services, advocacy, and
33 civic engagement needs of the Filipino American community exist
34 throughout the state; and

35 WHEREAS, The Filipino American population is currently the
36 largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in California
37 and the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group
38 in the United States; and

39 WHEREAS, Nine Filipino Americans have received the
40 Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in

1 action against an enemy force that can be bestowed upon an
2 individual serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

3 WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have served the public in
4 appointed and elected capacities, including, but not limited to,
5 Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, representatives to
6 the United States Congress, Assembly Members and Senators in
7 the California State Legislature and other states, and other city,
8 state, and federal agencies in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of the United States,
10 Filipino Americans have made cultural, economic, political, social,
11 and other contributions to our country that have resulted in the
12 rich, diverse, and vibrant tapestry of our nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Since World War II, federal, state, and local
14 redevelopment projects, including freeway and highway
15 construction; urban decay; private development; demographic
16 shifts; and poor city planning, have destroyed a significant number
17 of Filipino American historic sites and ethnic neighborhoods, and
18 many of the remaining Filipino American communities and historic
19 sites are in danger of being lost; and

20 WHEREAS, Stockton's Little Manila is named as one of 11 of
21 the most endangered historic sites in the United States,
22 underscoring the need to support and invest in historic sites to
23 safeguard and preserve these key pieces of American history; and

24 WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles and the Board of Public
25 Works built the Historic Filipinotown Eastern Gateway in 2022,
26 officially called "Talang Gabay"—"Our Guiding Star"—the largest
27 Filipino American monument in the United States; and

28 WHEREAS, Protecting and supporting our Filipino communities
29 throughout California and the United States is critical to the
30 preservation of Filipino American culture, history, traditions, and
31 heritage and are part of our state and national history and future;
32 now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
34 Assembly recognizes the month of October 2025 as Filipino
35 American History Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 65 (Caloza) – As Introduced August 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Filipino American History Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of October 2025 as Filipino American History Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Filipinos and Filipino Americans have been contributing to California and the United States for hundreds of years, ever since October 18, 1587, when the first “Luzones Indios” set foot in Morro Bay, California, on board the Nuestra Señora de Esperanza, a Manila-built galleon ship captained by Pedro de Unamuno of Spain.
- 2) In the first decades of the 20th century, thousands of Filipinos in California worked in agricultural fields throughout California, in cities and regions such as the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the central coast, Salinas, Imperial Valley, Orange County, the Inland Empire, Delano, Bakersfield, Coachella Valley, and the San Francisco Bay area; and, became a critical element in the growth and political economy of the state, often enduring harsh labor conditions and poor wages, but persevering and creating a strong legacy of mutual support, strikes, and organization for farm labor unionization.
- 3) The Filipino American population is currently the largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in California and the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States.
- 4) Throughout the history of the United States, Filipino Americans have made cultural, economic, political, social, and other contributions to our country that have resulted in the rich, diverse, and vibrant tapestry of our nation.
- 5) Protecting and supporting our Filipino communities throughout California and the United States is critical to the preservation of Filipino American culture, history, traditions, and heritage.

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

House Resolution

No. 66

Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry

August 27, 2025

House Resolution No. 66—Relative to National 4-H Week.

1 WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth development organization
2 in the United States, supporting nearly 6,000,000 young people
3 across the country, and has young people throughout California
4 in enrollment; and

5 WHEREAS, 4-H helps young people become confident,
6 independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders; and

7 WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension - a
8 community of more than 100 land-grant universities across the
9 United States that provides experiences for young people to learn
10 through hands-on projects in the important areas of health, science,
11 agriculture, and civic engagement; and

12 WHEREAS, California 4-H is delivered by the University of
13 California Cooperative Extension, a research and education
14 program of the University of California Agriculture and Natural
15 Resources; and

16 WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible ways
17 that 4-H provides opportunities for all young people and highlights
18 the remarkable members of 4-H in California and across the globe
19 who work each day to make a positive impact on other individuals;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Compared to their peers, 4-H youth are four times
22 more likely to make a positive contribution to their communities
23 and two times more likely to take courses and pursue careers in
24 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); and

1 WHEREAS, 4-H alumni are three times more likely to
2 participate in community service; and

3 WHEREAS, The network of youth members, volunteers, and
4 leaders will celebrate National 4-H Week during the week of
5 October 5 through October 11, 2025; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
7 Assembly supports the designation of October 5 through October
8 11, 2025, as National 4-H week throughout California; and be it
9 further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 66 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced August 27, 2025

SUBJECT: National 4-H Week.

SUMMARY: Designates October 5 through October 11, 2025, as National 4-H Week throughout California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States, supporting nearly six million young people across the country, and has young people throughout California in enrollment.
- 2) 4-H helps young people become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders.
- 3) 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 land-grant universities across the United States that provides experiences for young people to learn through hands-on projects in the important areas of health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement.
- 4) California 4-H is delivered by the University of California Cooperative Extension, a research and education program of the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- 5) National 4-H Week showcases the incredible ways that 4-H provides opportunities for all young people, and highlights the remarkable members of 4-H in California and across the globe who work each day to make a positive impact on other individuals.

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

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 10, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 28

**Introduced by Senator Grove
(Coauthors: Senators Archuleta, Menjivar, and Umberg)**

February 24, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28—Relative to Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 28, as amended, Grove. Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day. This measure would proclaim September 28, 2025, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The history of Gold Star families began in the
2 United States shortly after World War I to provide support for
3 mothers who lost sons or daughters in the war; and
4 WHEREAS, The reference to the Gold Star comes from the
5 custom of families of service members hanging a service flag in
6 the window of their homes displaying a blue star for every living
7 family member in the Armed Forces and a gold star for those who
8 have perished; and
9 WHEREAS, The United States began observing Gold Star
10 Mothers' Day on the last Sunday of September in 1936, and the
11 Gold Star Wives was formed before the end of World War II; and
12 WHEREAS, Since 2009, the President of the United States has
13 designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers'
14 and Families' Day, continuing the tradition of honoring the
15 sacrifice of these families; and

1 WHEREAS, The strength of our military is built upon the men
2 and women who serve in uniform and the families who support
3 them; and

4 WHEREAS, Since the start of the War on Terror, more than
5 7,000 members of the United States Armed Forces have lost their
6 lives; and

7 WHEREAS, The families of our fallen ~~soldiers~~ *service members*
8 have made a tremendous sacrifice on behalf of our country; and

9 WHEREAS, All Gold Star families deserve to be recognized
10 by our local, state, and federal leaders for their sacrifices and their
11 dedicated, patriotic support of the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Supporting Gold Star families demonstrates the
13 commitment of the American people to those families, now and
14 in the future; and

15 WHEREAS, As a nation, we must continually look for new
16 ways to support Gold Star families both in the days immediately
17 following the tragedy and in the years that follow; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims September 28,
21 2025, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day in California; and
22 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 28 (Grove) – As Amended March 10, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims September 28, 2025, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The history of Gold Star families began in the United States shortly after World War I to provide support for mothers who lost sons or daughters in the war.
- 2) The reference to the Gold Star comes from the custom of families of service members hanging a service flag in the window of their homes displaying a blue star for every living family member in the Armed Forces and a gold star for those who have perished.
- 3) The United States began observing Gold Star Mothers' Day on the last Sunday of September in 1936, and the Gold Star Wives was formed before the end of World War II. Since 2009, the President of the United States has designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day, continuing the tradition of honoring the sacrifice of these families.
- 4) The strength of our military is built upon the men and women who serve in uniform and the families who support them. The families of our fallen service members have made a tremendous sacrifice on behalf of our country.
- 5) All Gold Star families deserve to be recognized by our local, state, and federal leaders for their sacrifices and their dedicated, patriotic support of the United States.
- 6) Supporting Gold Star families demonstrates the commitment of the American people to those families, now and in the future.

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 Archuleta
(Coauthors: Senators Grove and Umberg)**

April 10, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 61, as introduced, Archuleta. Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness.

This measure would proclaim the week of September 15, 2025, to September 21, 2025, inclusive, as Military and Veterans Suicide Prevention Awareness Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Suicide is a serious and tragic public health
2 problem that can be prevented through increased awareness,
3 resources, and proper treatment; and
4 WHEREAS, Suicide affects all Americans, but data shows that
5 active duty service members and veterans die by suicide at much
6 higher rates than the civilian population; and
7 WHEREAS, In the United States Department of Defense’s
8 (USDOD) annual reporting for 2023, the military services reported
9 the following for all of 2023: 363 deaths by suicide for active
10 military members; 69 deaths by suicide for military reserve
11 members; and 91 deaths by suicide for members of the National
12 Guard; and
13 WHEREAS, The Defense Suicide Prevention Office in the
14 USDOD is working diligently to reduce these staggering numbers
15 through an integrated and holistic approach to suicide prevention,

1 intervention, and postvention utilizing a range of medical and
2 nonmedical resources; and

3 WHEREAS, In an effort to prevent suicides, the USDOD has
4 recently launched a program entitled “Be There,” offering
5 confidential peer coaching to active duty service members,
6 including National Guard active and reserve members and their
7 families, using 24-hours-per-day, 7-days-per-week chat, telephone,
8 and text options. The program is staffed by peer coaches who are
9 veteran service members and family members of veterans and aims
10 to provide support for everyday problem solving, such as career
11 and general life challenges; and

12 WHEREAS, We must recognize that this tragic epidemic is
13 taking the lives of those who have most heavily borne the burden
14 of protecting and serving their country, in the past and present. In
15 2014, an average of 20 veterans died by suicide each day, and 6
16 of the 20 were users of United States Department of Veterans
17 Affairs (VA) services; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2014, although veterans constituted just 8.5
19 percent of the United States population, they accounted for 18
20 percent of all deaths by suicide among United States adults; and

21 WHEREAS, There is continued evidence of a heightened
22 tendency toward suicide among middle-aged and older adult
23 veterans. In 2014, approximately 65 percent of all veterans who
24 died by suicide were 50 years of age or older; and

25 WHEREAS, In 2014, after adjusting for differences in age and
26 gender, risk of suicide was 21 percent higher among veterans when
27 compared to United States civilian adults. For male veterans, the
28 risk of suicide was 18 percent higher when compared to United
29 States civilian adult males. For female veterans, risk of suicide
30 was 2.4 times higher when compared to United States civilian
31 adult females; and

32 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2014, inclusive, the age-adjusted
33 rate of suicide among United States civilian adults increased by
34 23 percent. In that same period, the suicide rate among United
35 States veterans increased by 32.2 percent; and

36 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2014, inclusive, the age-adjusted
37 rate of suicide among United States civilian adult males increased
38 by 0.3 percent. In that same period, the suicide rate among United
39 States veteran males increased by 30.5 percent; and

1 WHEREAS, From 2001 to 2014, inclusive, the age-adjusted
2 rate of suicide among United States civilian adult females increased
3 by 39.7 percent. In that same period, the suicide rate among United
4 States veteran females increased by 85.2 percent; and

5 WHEREAS, The VA has undertaken several measures to prevent
6 suicide among veterans, including a 24-hours-per-day,
7 7-days-per-week veterans crisis telephone hotline, using predictive
8 analytics to identify those at risk for suicide and providing early
9 intervention services, bolstering mental health services for female
10 veterans, expanding telemental health services, and proactively
11 reaching out to veterans needing care; and

12 WHEREAS, This resolution endeavors to promote awareness
13 of the problem of suicide and the particular epidemic facing the
14 military population, and encourages active duty service members,
15 veterans, service providers, advocates, and the people of the State
16 of California to work together to continue to educate the public
17 on how to recognize the warning signs and improve the outreach
18 to, and treatment of, individuals at risk for suicide; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
21 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims
22 September 15, 2025, to September 21, 2025, inclusive, as Military
23 and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week in California;
24 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 61 (Archuleta) – As Introduced April 10, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness.

SUMMARY: Proclaims September 15, 2025, to September 21, 2025, inclusive, as Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Suicide is a serious and tragic public health problem that can be prevented through increased awareness, resources, and proper treatment. Suicide affects all Americans, but data shows that active duty service members and veterans die by suicide at much higher rates.
- 2) In the United States Department of Defense's (USDOD) annual reporting for 2023, the military services reported the following for all of 2023: 363 deaths by suicide for active military members; 69 deaths by suicide for military reserve members; and 91 deaths by suicide for members of the National Guard.
- 3) The Defense Suicide Prevention Office in the USDOD is working diligently to reduce these staggering numbers through an integrated and holistic approach to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention utilizing a range of medical and nonmedical resources.
- 4) We must recognize that this tragic epidemic is taking the lives of those who have most heavily borne the burden of protecting and serving their country, in the past and present. In 2014, an average of 20 veterans died by suicide each day, and six of the 20 were users of United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) services.
- 5) The VA has undertaken several measures to prevent suicide among veterans, including a 24-hours-per-day, 7-days-per-week veterans crisis telephone hotline, using predictive analytics to identify those at risk for suicide and providing early intervention services, bolstering mental health services for female veterans, expanding telemental health services, and proactively reaching out to veterans needing care.

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

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 8, 2025

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 20, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 80

Introduced by Senator Niello

(Principal coauthor: Senator Jones)

**(Coauthors: Senators *Allen*, *Alvarado-Gil*, *Dahle*, *Grayson*,
Ochoa Bogh, *Seyarto*, *Strickland*, and *Umberg*)**

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members *Alanis*, *Chen*, *Irwin*, *Patterson*, and
Wallis)**

May 15, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 80, as amended, Niello. Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week.

This measure would ~~proclaim~~ *declare* the week of September 21 to September 28, 2025, inclusive, as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, It is the custom of the Legislature to recognize
- 2 official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of serious
- 3 health conditions that affect the lives of citizens of California; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Attendant to that concern and in full accord with
- 5 its longstanding traditions, it is the sense of the Legislature to
- 6 memorialize and to proclaim the week of September 21 to
- 7 September 28, 2025, inclusive, as Frontotemporal Degeneration

1 Awareness Week in California, in conjunction with the observance
2 of World FTD Awareness Week; and

3 WHEREAS, The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration
4 (AFTD) reports that Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) is a
5 terminal and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the
6 frontal and temporal lobes, causing impairments to speech,
7 personality, behavior, and motor skills that constitutes a major
8 public health concern; and

9 WHEREAS, It takes an average of 3.6 years from the initial
10 symptoms to get an accurate diagnosis of FTD, with an average
11 life expectancy of 7 to 13 years after the initial symptoms; and

12 WHEREAS, FTD strikes people as young as 21 years of age
13 and as old as 80 years of age, with the largest percentage of those
14 affected being in their 40s to 60s, rendering people in the prime
15 of life unable to work or function normally; and

16 WHEREAS, FTD imposes average annual costs associated with
17 care and living with the disease that are approximately double
18 those of Alzheimer's disease; and

19 WHEREAS, FTD is identified in the National Plan to Address
20 Alzheimer's Disease as a related dementia and included as a
21 priority in the goals and strategies of the plan to achieve the vision
22 of a nation free of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and

23 WHEREAS, The California Master Plan for Aging incorporates
24 all 10 recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on
25 Alzheimer's (Disease) Prevention and Preparedness to help people
26 and families living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, FTD represents an estimated 5 to 15 percent of all
29 dementia cases and is the most common form of dementia for
30 people under 60 years of age; and

31 WHEREAS, Approximately 40 percent of people with FTD
32 have a family history of FTD or a related condition such as
33 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), with about one-half of those
34 found to have an inherited form accounted for by mutations in the
35 Progranulin, C9orf72, Tau/MAPT and other rarer genes; and

36 WHEREAS, FTD is often misdiagnosed as a psychiatric problem
37 or other neurodegenerative disease because of the wide range of
38 cognitive and behavioral symptoms and their young onset; and

39 WHEREAS, FTD often affects a person's ability to express
40 emotions and to show affection and empathy for loved ones; and

1 WHEREAS, In the behavioral variant of FTD, a person's sense
2 of social graces and appropriate behavior can be lost, and their
3 personality may be significantly changed; and

4 WHEREAS, Furthermore, in the language variants of FTD
5 (primary progressive aphasia), a person may have trouble producing
6 speech and understanding grammar, lose the meaning of words or
7 become hesitant in their speech, and may eventually become mute;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In the movement variants of FTD, a person may
10 experience muscle weakness, falling, loss of balance, difficulty
11 making speech, difficulty swallowing, or choking; and

12 WHEREAS, While there has never been a global epidemiology
13 study of FTD, it is estimated that more than 60,000 people are
14 affected in the United States today; and

15 WHEREAS, The AFTD is the leading national organization
16 exclusively focused on the spectrum of FTD disorders with a
17 mission to improve the quality of life of people affected by FTD
18 and drive research to a cure; and

19 WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of
20 this serious disease, and more must be done to increase activity at
21 the local, state, and national levels; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature ~~proclaims~~ *declares* the
24 week of September 21 to September 28, 2025, inclusive, as
25 Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 80 (Niello) – As Amended July 8, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of September 21 to September 28, 2025, inclusive, as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) is a terminal and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the frontal and temporal lobes, causing impairments to speech, personality, behavior, and motor skills that constitutes a major public health concern.
- 2) It takes an average of 3.6 years from start of symptoms to get an accurate diagnosis of FTD with an average life expectancy of 7 to 13 years after the initial symptoms. FTD strikes people as young as 21 and as old as 80, with the largest percentage of those affected being in their 40s to 60s, rendering people in the prime of life unable to work or function normally.
- 3) FTD imposes average annual costs associated with care and living with the disease that are approximately double those of Alzheimer's disease.
- 4) FTD is identified in The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease as a related dementia and is included as a priority in the goals and strategies of the Plan to achieve the vision of a nation free of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
- 5) The California Master Plan for Aging incorporates all 10 recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease Prevention and Preparedness to help people and families living with Alzheimer's and related dementia.
- 6) It is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels.

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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SENATOR
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THIRTY-FOURTH SENATE DISTRICT



8/26/2025

Assemblymember Pacheco
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Dear Assemblymember Pacheco,

This letter is to request the addition of an Urgency Clause to SB 47.

The State Bar of California has two core functions—oversee admissions of applicants for licensure to practice in this state and discipline licensees for violating the law and rules of professional conduct. Every person seeking to be licensed to practice law in this state must pass the bar exam. The State Bar administers the bar exam twice a year—in February and July. The State Bar used a new exam format and platform for the first time in decades for the February 2025 exam that allowed for both in-person and remote test taking. The administration of the new exam was an unmitigated disaster. Testimonies from examinees to the Board of Trustees and to the Senate Judiciary Committee detailed technical glitches and platform freezes, delayed start times and loss of time during the exam, unprofessional proctors, factual errors in questions, cheating, approved testing accommodations not being met, and various distractions during the exam. Additionally, concerns were raised about the multiple-choice questions on the exam. These concerns have only been exacerbated by the State Bar's revelation that artificial intelligence was used to design some of the questions on the exam.

SB 47 requires the California State Auditor to conduct an audit of the February 2025 bar exam to provide understanding into what went so stunningly wrong, so the Legislature can ensure that it never happens again. Without an urgency clause, the Auditor will not be able to begin its work until next year, which will delay this important public accountability measure.

Therefore, we respectfully request the addition of an urgency clause in order to allow the Auditor to immediately begin its audit of the 2025 Bar Exam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Umberg". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "T" and "U".

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August 24, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco
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Re: Urgency Clause Request to SB 63 (Wiener, Arreguin)

Dear Assemblymember Pacheco,

I write to request an urgency clause be added to SB 63 – San Francisco Bay Area: Local Revenue Measure: Transportation Funding. The bill is currently on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file. Bay Area public transportation systems face an urgent need to raise revenue and improve financial efficiency in order to stave off existential service cuts.

SB 63 authorizes a regional transportation revenue measure (sales tax) on the November 2026 ballot to contribute additional operating revenues to public transportation agencies with major deficits. The bill is proposed to be amended with strengthened accountability requirements related to independent oversight, adjudication of claims of inconsistent application of transit operator policies in counties contributing funding through the measure, regional network management, and a mandatory financial efficiency review for specified operators.

Public transit service is an essential service in the state and for Bay Area residents. There is an urgent need to commence the financial efficiency review of specified transit operators required by SB 63 as quickly as possible. Additionally, there is an urgent need to establish a new special district as quickly as possible for the purposes of ensuring a revenue measure can be placed on the ballot to address the needs of multi-jurisdictional regional operators that this act proposes to fund.

I respectfully ask for SB 63 to be considered for an urgency clause. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM: ASSEMBLY CONTRIBUTION FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE

Issue:

Should the maximum amount the Assembly contributes for the cost of employees' medical insurance coverage be increased to cover the cost of the monthly premiums for health plans effective January 1, 2026?

Background:

The Assembly Rules Committee establishes the maximum monthly employer contribution toward the cost of employees' medical insurance premiums.

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) contracts with the insurance carriers offering plans available to Assembly employees. Premiums for the plans in which Assembly employees are enrolled will increase between 3% and 13% effective January 1, 2026.

By increasing the Assembly's current maximum employer contribution rate by 13%, the employer contribution will cover the full cost of the premiums for the medical insurance plans in which Assembly employees are enrolled.

Recommendation:

Approve.