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Monday, March 9, 2026  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 126

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 3/6/2026  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 1927, AB 2289, AB 2328, AB 2433, AB 2471, and AB 2477 has changed.

The following bills have been added to the referral list: AB 2104 and AB 2222.

AB 2187 has been removed from the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/09/2026

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

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 148**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Addis**

February 23, 2026

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 148—Relative to Family Physician Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 148, as introduced, Addis. Family Physician Week.

This measure would designate the week of March 15, 2026, to March 21, 2026, inclusive, as Family Physician Week, recognize the invaluable contributions of family physicians to California’s health care system, and encourage continued investment in primary care to strengthen the family medicine workforce.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California family physicians have historically  
2 demonstrated their dedication to the health and well-being of  
3 Californians by emphasizing coordinated care, better health  
4 outcomes and patient experience, and health equity; and  
5 WHEREAS, Family physicians have studied for a minimum of  
6 seven years from medical school through residency and have  
7 received specialized training to provide continuous preventive and  
8 primary medical care from birth to end of life for the people of  
9 our state; and  
10 WHEREAS, Family physicians provide continuity of care  
11 throughout each member of the family’s life as well as  
12 intergenerational care; and

1 WHEREAS, Family physicians receive extensive training in  
2 behavioral health, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and geriatric  
3 care; and

4 WHEREAS, Family physician care is based on knowledge of  
5 the whole person in the context of the family and the community  
6 and is not limited by age, sex, or type of health condition, and their  
7 broad skill set is particularly valuable in communities or  
8 geographical areas where certain specialists and subspecialists  
9 may not be available; and

10 WHEREAS, In the United States, nearly one-half of all visits  
11 to physicians' offices in rural areas are to family physician offices  
12 and family physicians are the usual source of care for about one  
13 in five children; and

14 WHEREAS, Family physicians provide high-quality care and  
15 reduce costs to the health care system through leadership,  
16 collaboration, and innovation; and

17 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that every \$1 increase in  
18 primary care expenditures resulted in \$13 in savings in other  
19 services, such as specialty care, emergency department visits, and  
20 in-patient care; and

21 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, family physicians  
22 worked on the front lines to provide testing, vaccinations, and  
23 critical care to patients, ensuring their health, safety, and  
24 well-being; and

25 WHEREAS, Family physicians are essential in addressing social  
26 determinants of health, advancing health equity, and improving  
27 access to care in medically underserved communities; and

28 WHEREAS, The California Academy of Family Physicians is  
29 a physician organization with more than 10,000 family physicians,  
30 residents, and medical students dedicated to promoting the highest  
31 standards of the profession of family medicine, fostering excellence  
32 through continuing medical education, and serving as an advocate  
33 for family physicians and their patients; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
36 week of March 15, 2026, to March 21, 2026, inclusive, as Family  
37 Physician Week; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the invaluable  
39 contributions of family physicians to California's health care

- 1 system and encourages continued investment in primary care to
- 2 strengthen the family medicine workforce; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 148 (Addis) – As Introduced February 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Family Physician Week.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the week of March 15, 2026, to March 21, 2026, inclusive, as Family Physician Week; and, recognizes the invaluable contributions of family physicians to California’s health care system and encourages continued investment in primary care. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California family physicians have historically demonstrated their dedication to the health and well-being of Californians by emphasizing coordinated care, better health outcomes and patient experience, and health equity.
- 2) Family physicians provide continuity of care throughout each member of the family’s life as well as intergenerational care. They receive extensive training in behavioral health, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and geriatric care.
- 3) Family physician care is based on knowledge of the whole person in the context of the family and the community and is not limited by age, sex, or type of health condition, and their broad skill set is particularly valuable in communities or geographical areas where certain specialists and subspecialists may not be available.
- 4) During the COVID-19 pandemic, family physicians worked on the front lines to provide testing, vaccinations, and critical care to patients ensuring their health, safety, and well-being.
- 5) Family physicians are essential in addressing social determinants of health, advancing health equity, and improving access to care in medically underserved communities.
- 6) The California Academy of Family Physicians is a physician organization with more than 10,000 family physicians, residents, and medical students dedicated to promoting the highest standards of the profession of family medicine, fostering excellence through continuing medical education, and serving as an advocate for family physicians and their patients.

**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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 152**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Davies**

March 2, 2026

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 152—Relative to American Red Cross Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 152, as introduced, Davies. American Red Cross Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2026 as American Red Cross Month, dedicate it to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of the organization’s founder, and encourage all Californians to reach out, support the organization’s humanitarian mission, and join in their commitment to care for people in need.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special  
2 time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in  
3 need every day in California, across the United States, and around  
4 the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as  
5 they carry out the organization’s 145-year-old mission of  
6 preventing and alleviating suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, People have stepped up to help others in need,  
8 whether it was responding to disasters across the country or rolling  
9 up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe  
10 blood shortage; and

11 WHEREAS, Day after day, we are witnessing and responding  
12 to devastating and dramatic disasters exacerbated by climate  
13 change. Wildfires are relentless, storms are intensifying, and floods

1 are escalating. The climate crisis is not ahead of us; it is here.  
2 Climate change affects vulnerable populations disproportionately,  
3 which increases the need for American Red Cross support, their  
4 environmental, social, and governance programs, and their  
5 framework for climate change action focused on resilience,  
6 education, and sustainability; and

7 WHEREAS, Here in California, local families have relied on  
8 American Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping  
9 with over 3,000 local disasters. Last year, over 25,000 California  
10 volunteers assisted with small and large disasters, such as the  
11 devastating wildfires. Volunteers also helped over 5,000 people  
12 affected by home fires in the state by addressing their urgent needs,  
13 including food, lodging, and recovery support; and

14 WHEREAS, California volunteers have supported local families  
15 in other ways too. Last year, almost 400,000 people enrolled in  
16 training classes that taught lifesaving skills, such as first aid,  
17 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, water safety, and caregiving. The  
18 American Red Cross provided services to military members,  
19 veterans, retirees, and their families. Over 45,000 cases were open  
20 to assist in various ways; and

21 WHEREAS, Every two seconds, someone in the United States  
22 needs blood. Nationwide, the American Red Cross provides 40  
23 percent of the country's blood supply. In California, the American  
24 Red Cross collects over 330,000 units of red blood cells each year.  
25 In addition, over 130,000 units of platelets are collected each year  
26 to help treat trauma and cancer patients. Blood products are also  
27 essential for surgeries and chronic illnesses; and

28 WHEREAS, Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red  
29 Cross founder Clara Barton, this lifesaving work is vital to  
30 strengthening our community's resilience; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
33 month of March 2026 as American Red Cross Month and dedicates  
34 it to all those who continue to advance Clara Barton's noble legacy;  
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages all Californians to  
37 reach out, support the organization's humanitarian mission, and  
38 join in their commitment to care for people in need; and be it  
39 further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 152 (Davies) – As Introduced March 2, 2026

**SUBJECT:** American Red Cross Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of March 2026 as American Red Cross Month and encourages all Californians to join in the organization’s commitment to care for people in need. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in California, across the United States, and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization’s 145-year-old mission of preventing and alleviating suffering.
- 2) Here in California, local families have relied on American Red Cross volunteers for comfort and hope while coping with over 3,000 local disasters. Last year, over 25,000 California volunteers assisted with small and large disasters, such as the devastating wildfires. Volunteers also helped over 5,000 people affected by home fires in the state by addressing their urgent needs, including food, lodging, and recovery support.
- 3) California volunteers have supported local families in other ways too. Last year, almost 400,000 people enrolled in training classes that taught lifesaving skills, such as first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), water safety, and caregiving. The American Red Cross provided services to military members, veterans, retirees, and their families. Over 45,000 cases were opened to assist in various ways.
- 4) Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. In California, the American Red Cross collects over 330,000 units of red blood cells each year. In addition, over 130,000 units of platelets are collected each year to help treat trauma and cancer patients.
- 5) Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community’s resilience.

**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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 153**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon**

March 2, 2026

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to Irish American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 153, as introduced, Calderon. Irish American Heritage Month.

This measure would, among other things, designate March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month in honor of 102 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland and would commemorate the multitude of contributions that Irish Americans have made to this country and state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, The democratic expression of the people of  
2     Ireland’s will in 1918 led directly to the establishment of an  
3     independent state and enabled the people of Ireland to enjoy the  
4     freedom they have today; and  
5     WHEREAS, The First Dáil gave a voice to the people of  
6     Ireland’s expression of self-determination in the 1918 general  
7     election; and  
8     WHEREAS, On January 21, 1919, the first meeting of the  
9     unicameral parliament of the revolutionary Irish Republic, known  
10    as the First Dáil Éireann, met in the City of Dublin’s Mansion  
11    House to declare Ireland to be an independent nation and to  
12    establish its alternative parliament; and

1 WHEREAS, The First Dáil produced a Declaration of  
2 Independence and a Message to the Free Nations of the World;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The United States recognized and established  
5 diplomatic relations with the Irish Free State in 1924; and

6 WHEREAS, The year 2026 marks 102 years of diplomatic  
7 relations between the United States and Ireland, over a century of  
8 official meaningful engagement of which both countries are very  
9 proud; and

10 WHEREAS, On April 10, 1998, the Government of Ireland and  
11 the Government of the United Kingdom signed the Good Friday  
12 Agreement, also known as the “Belfast Agreement,” with the goals  
13 of bringing a new era of devolved government and democracy to  
14 Northern Ireland, ending violence, and ensuring peace for the  
15 people on the island of Ireland; and

16 WHEREAS, The successful negotiation of the Good Friday  
17 Agreement stands as a historic and groundbreaking success that  
18 has proven critical to the decades of relative peace that have  
19 followed; and

20 WHEREAS, The restoration of the Northern Ireland Assembly  
21 and Executive, coupled with the economic opportunities that  
22 Northern Ireland’s unique access to both the United Kingdom  
23 internal market and the European Union single market provides,  
24 paved the way for a thriving Irish economy; and

25 WHEREAS, Millions of Irish people, faced with severe hardship  
26 due to famine and poverty in their nation, immigrated to the United  
27 States over the last several centuries in search of a more promising  
28 future for themselves and their families; and

29 WHEREAS, The journey to America from the Emerald Isle was  
30 not paved with gold. The Irish spirit of determination, perseverance,  
31 and grit prevailed against dangerous seas and deadly conditions  
32 with their hearts set on the horizon; and

33 WHEREAS, Irish Americans initially suffered prejudice and  
34 discrimination upon first arriving in the United States. As the years  
35 went on, Irish Americans became deeply integrated in their  
36 communities and made numerous contributions in all aspects of  
37 American society and culture; and

38 WHEREAS, Irish Americans played vital roles in the  
39 development of the United States. Nine Irish Americans were  
40 signers of the Declaration of Independence, and 23 Presidents of

1 the United States have been of Irish heritage, including John F.  
2 Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, Barack  
3 Obama, and Joe Biden; and

4 WHEREAS, Many people of Irish descent have contributed to  
5 great movements that have helped to shape our country and its  
6 role in the world, including Mother Jones, labor activist; Kate  
7 Kennedy, known for the “equal pay for equal work” campaign;  
8 Lucy Burns, activist in the women’s suffrage movement; and  
9 Senator George J. Mitchell, negotiator of the Belfast Agreement;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have also played a major role in  
12 California politics as governors, legislative leaders, city mayors,  
13 and other public officials, who have worked tirelessly to build  
14 California into the state that it is today; and

15 WHEREAS, Irish Americans were significantly involved in the  
16 development of infrastructure throughout the United States,  
17 especially in the State of California. This included work on  
18 railroads and bridges that connected the west to the east. The Irish  
19 were also instrumental in the building of dams, roads, canals, and  
20 buildings that expanded greatly in the late 1800s; and

21 WHEREAS, Many Irish Americans have made their mark as  
22 peace officers and firefighters and have risked or lost their lives  
23 on countless occasions in carrying out their duties; and

24 WHEREAS, Many outstanding soldiers, never to be forgotten,  
25 who fought for American freedom in the Revolutionary War were  
26 of Irish descent. Irish Americans have proudly served with  
27 distinction in every war that this nation has fought and continue  
28 to do so today; and

29 WHEREAS, Many Irish Americans have contributed greatly to  
30 the United States economy in business, including: Alexander  
31 Turney Stewart, the inventor of the American department store;  
32 Cathleen Black, former president of Hearst Publishing; Jack Welch,  
33 former president and chief executive officer of General Electric;  
34 Herb Kelleher, cofounder of Southwest Airlines; John Donahoe,  
35 former chief executive officer of Nike, Inc.; Conrad Burke, founder  
36 of Innovalight, Inc.; Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Company;  
37 Richard and Maurice McDonald, founders of McDonald’s fast  
38 food; and Maggie Sullivan Wilderotter, chair of DocuSign; and

39 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to the field of  
40 science, including: astronaut Michael Collins; the first female

1 commander of a space shuttle, Eileen Collins; physicist and Nobel  
2 Laureate Charles H. Townes; and bioengineer and MacArthur  
3 “Genius Grant” recipient James J. Collins; and

4 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to the American  
5 literary tradition through great authors, including Flannery  
6 O’Connor, Eugene O’Neill, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Mary McCarthy,  
7 Tom Clancy, and Frank McCourt; and

8 WHEREAS, Irish Americans have contributed to American  
9 entertainment with such stars as actors Jack Nicholson, John  
10 Wayne, and George Clooney; actor and comedian Bill Murray;  
11 actress Grace Kelly; actress and comedian Rosie O’Donnell; actor  
12 and singer Bing Crosby; actress and singer Rosemary Clooney;  
13 actress and singer Judy Garland; comedian Conan O’Brien; and  
14 actor and director Edward Burns, all being of Irish heritage; and

15 WHEREAS, There is significant economic reciprocity between  
16 California and Ireland, including Ireland as the seventh largest  
17 source of foreign direct investment through wholly foreign-owned  
18 enterprises in California, and there is work underway to further  
19 build these relationships; and

20 WHEREAS, There exists a longstanding and richly multifaceted  
21 relationship between California and Ireland. The first Consulate  
22 General of Ireland opened in the City of San Francisco in 1933  
23 and the second Consulate General of Ireland opened in the City  
24 of Los Angeles in 2019, which reinforces the strong and vibrant  
25 connections between California and Ireland built on shared  
26 heritage, values, and ambition; and

27 WHEREAS, There is a significant and mutually beneficial  
28 economic relationship between Ireland and the United States as a  
29 whole, with Ireland being the fifth largest source of foreign direct  
30 investment into the United States with investment by Irish  
31 companies in 2024 worth \$390 billion, and with the dynamic  
32 two-way trade and investment relationship exceeding €1 trillion  
33 annually; and

34 WHEREAS, Taoiseach Micheál Martin has reaffirmed Ireland’s  
35 commitment to the strong bilateral relations between Ireland and  
36 the United States, and that both nations will work constructively  
37 together throughout the next administration to further strengthen  
38 and advance common interests and shared prosperity; and

39 WHEREAS, Today, over 35,000,000 Americans claim Irish  
40 heritage, and they continue to contribute to the politics, economy,

1 and culture of the United States and California; now, therefore, be  
2 it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in honor of 102 years of  
5 diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland and the  
6 multitude of contributions that Irish Americans have made to make  
7 this a better country and state for all people, designates March  
8 2026 to be Irish American Heritage Month in California, and calls  
9 upon the people of the state to observe the month of March with  
10 appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities, especially on  
11 March 17, because everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day; and be  
12 it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
14 of this resolution to Ireland's Ambassador to the United States,  
15 Geraldine Byrne Nason; Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann, Verona  
16 Murphy; Cathaoirleach of Seanad Éireann, Mark Daly; Ireland's  
17 Consul General to the Western United States, Micheál Smith;  
18 Ireland's Consul General to the South Western United States,  
19 Caitlín Higgins Ní Chinnéide; and to the author for further  
20 appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 153 (Calderon) – As Introduced March 2, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Irish American Heritage Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month in California; and, honors the 102 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland, and the multitude of contributions that Irish Americans have made to make this a better country and state for all people. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The democratic expression of the people of Ireland's will in 1918 led directly to the establishment of an independent state and enabled the people of Ireland to enjoy the freedom they have today.
- 2) The First Dáil gave a voice to the people of Ireland's expression of self-determination in the 1918 general election. On January 21, 1919, the first meeting of the unicameral parliament of the revolutionary Irish Republic, known as the First Dáil Éireann, met in the City of Dublin's Mansion House to declare Ireland to be an independent nation and to establish its alternative parliament.
- 3) The United States recognized and established diplomatic relations with the Irish Free State in 1924. Millions of Irish people, faced with severe hardship due to famine and poverty in their nation, immigrated to the United States over the last several centuries in search of a more promising future for themselves and their families.
- 4) Irish Americans initially suffered prejudice and discrimination upon first arriving in the United States. As the years went on, Irish Americans became deeply integrated in their communities and made numerous contributions in all aspects of American society and culture.
- 5) Irish Americans played vital roles in the development of the United States. Nine Irish Americans were signers of the Declaration of Independence, and 23 Presidents of the United States have been of Irish heritage, including John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Joe Biden.
- 6) Irish Americans have also played a major role in California politics as governors, legislative leaders, city mayors, and other public officials who have worked tirelessly to build California into the state that it is today.
- 7) Irish Americans were significantly involved in the development of infrastructure throughout the United States, especially in the State of California, including work on railroads and bridges that connected the west to the east.
- 8) Many Irish Americans have made their mark as peace officers and firefighters and have risked or lost their lives on countless occasions in carrying out their duties.

- 9) Today, over 35 million Americans claim Irish heritage, and they continue to contribute to the politics, economy, and culture of the United States and California.

**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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 154**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson**

March 2, 2026

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 154, as introduced, Patterson. California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

This measure would proclaim March 15, 2026, to March 21, 2026, inclusive, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2026, as California Down Syndrome Day, and would encourage all Californians to support and participate in related activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that  
2     occurs in one out of every 700 to 1,000 births; and  
3     WHEREAS, Down syndrome affects all races and ethnicities;  
4     and  
5     WHEREAS, Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a  
6     full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic  
7     material alters the course of development and causes the  
8     characteristics associated with Down syndrome; and  
9     WHEREAS, Down syndrome causes delays in physical and  
10    intellectual development and is the most common cause of  
11    intellectual disabilities; and  
12    WHEREAS, Down syndrome can also cause additional medical  
13    problems, including, but not limited to, heart defects, hearing

1 problems, vision impairment, upper respiratory infections, and  
2 intestinal and thyroid problems; and

3 WHEREAS, Adequate access to health care, early intervention  
4 programs, and inclusive education, as well as appropriate research,  
5 are vital to the growth and development of individuals with Down  
6 syndrome; and

7 WHEREAS, The inherent dignity and worth of persons with  
8 Down syndrome, their valuable contributions as promoters of  
9 well-being and diversity of their communities, and the importance  
10 of their individual autonomy and independence, including the  
11 freedom to make their own choices, should be recognized; and

12 WHEREAS, Individuals with Down syndrome attend school,  
13 work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful  
14 relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many wonderful  
15 ways; and

16 WHEREAS, This inclusiveness facilitates the participation of  
17 individuals with Down syndrome in society and helps them fulfill  
18 their personal potential; and

19 WHEREAS, The National Buddy Walk Program helps raise  
20 awareness and funds for programs that benefit people with Down  
21 syndrome and their families, and the Special Olympics raises  
22 awareness and allows individuals with Down syndrome and other  
23 intellectual disabilities to discover new strengths and abilities,  
24 skills, and success; and

25 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly  
26 declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day, to be observed  
27 every year beginning in 2012, and invited all to observe World  
28 Down Syndrome Day in order to raise public awareness of Down  
29 syndrome; and

30 WHEREAS, The 21st day of the third month was selected to  
31 signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome  
32 that causes Down syndrome; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims March 15,  
35 2026, to March 21, 2026, inclusive, as California Down Syndrome  
36 Awareness Week and March 21, 2026, as California Down  
37 Syndrome Day; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That all Californians are encouraged to support and  
39 participate in related activities; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 154 (Patterson) – As Introduced March 2, 2026

**SUBJECT:** California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims March 15, 2026, to March 21, 2026, inclusive, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2026, as California Down Syndrome Day; and, encourages all Californians to support and participate in related activities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that occurs in one out of every 700 to 1,000 births and affects all races and ethnicities.
- 2) Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.
- 3) Down syndrome causes delays in physical and intellectual development; and, can also cause additional medical problems, including, but not limited to, heart defects, hearing problems, vision impairment, upper respiratory infections, and intestinal and thyroid problems.
- 4) Adequate access to health care, early intervention programs, and inclusive education, as well as appropriate research, are vital to the growth and development of individuals with Down syndrome.
- 5) Individuals with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many wonderful ways.
- 6) The National Buddy Walk Program helps raise awareness and funds for programs that benefit people with Down syndrome and their families, and the Special Olympics raises awareness and allows individuals with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities to discover new strengths and abilities, skills, and success.
- 7) In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day to be observed every year beginning in 2012, and invited all to observe World Down Syndrome Day in order to raise public awareness of Down syndrome.
- 8) The 21st day of the third month was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome that causes Down syndrome.
- 9) The inherent dignity and worth of persons with Down syndrome, their valuable contributions as promoters of well-being and diversity of their communities, and the importance of their individual autonomy and independence, including the freedom to make their own choices, should be recognized.

**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. 81**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry**

February 5, 2026

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House Resolution No. 81—Relative to Women’s History Month.

1 WHEREAS, Women of every culture, class, and ethnic  
2 background have been essential participants in the founding and  
3 building of our nation and the State of California and have made  
4 historic and substantial contributions to the growth and strength  
5 of our nation and state; and

6 WHEREAS, Women have been and continue to be  
7 groundbreakers in every facet of our economic, civic, academic  
8 and cultural life, and responsible for significant “firsts” in business,  
9 science, athletics, technology, medicine, arts, and culture; and

10 WHEREAS, Women have been leaders in every movement for  
11 social change, including their own movement for suffrage and  
12 equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize  
13 labor unions, and the civil rights movement, as well as leading the  
14 call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite the significant contributions women have  
16 made, many achievements by women have been largely overlooked  
17 and unacknowledged, which has contributed to the pervasive  
18 gender inequity present throughout American society; and

19 WHEREAS, The observance of Women’s History Week was  
20 initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of  
21 Women in 1978, an occasion that was then enacted by Congress  
22 in 1987 as National Women’s History Month in perpetuity in  
23 acknowledgment that the significant contributions made by women

1 to every field of American life were largely undocumented and  
2 unknown and deserve to be recognized; and

3 WHEREAS, Women’s History Month is now commemorated  
4 throughout the nation by states, schools, historians, and community  
5 groups, providing an opportunity to focus attention on the historical  
6 role and accomplishments of women so all can benefit from an  
7 awareness of these contributions; and

8 WHEREAS, Women’s History Month will be not only a call to  
9 acknowledge the outstanding American, and in particular,  
10 Californian, women whose names we know, but also a call to pay  
11 homage to the many women who have anonymously shaped our  
12 collective past; and

13 WHEREAS, The achievements of the women who have gone  
14 before us will enable contemporary women and men to create  
15 tomorrow’s history by working toward an end to physical and  
16 sexual violence against women, discrimination and harassment in  
17 employment and education, and the relegation to poverty status  
18 of many women and by advocating for the full participation of  
19 women in every arena, whether politics, government, business,  
20 science, technology, or academia, as well as equal access to all of  
21 the opportunities our great nation has to offer; now, therefore, be  
22 it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
24 *Assembly takes pleasure in joining the United States Congress*  
25 *and the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls*  
26 *in honoring the contributions of women, and proclaims the month*  
27 *of March 2026 as Women’s History Month; and be it further*

28 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
29 *of this resolution to the Vice Chair of the California Legislative*  
30 *Women’s Caucus and to the Chair of the California Commission*  
31 *on the Status of Women and Girls for distribution to appropriate*  
32 *organizations, and to the California State Librarian.*

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 81 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced February 5, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Women’s History Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of March 2026 as Women’s History Month; and, provides that the Assembly takes pleasure in joining the United States Congress and the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls in honoring the contributions of women. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Women of every culture, class, and ethnic background have been essential participants in the founding and building of our nation and the State of California, and have made historic and substantial contributions to the growth and strength of our nation and state.
- 2) Women have been and continue to be groundbreakers in every facet of our economic, civic, academic and cultural life, and responsible for significant “firsts” in business, science, athletics, technology, medicine, arts, and culture.
- 3) Women have been leaders in every movement for social change, including their own movement for suffrage and equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize labor unions, and the civil rights movement, as well as leading the call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment.
- 4) Despite the significant contributions women have made, many achievements by women have been largely overlooked and unacknowledged, which has contributed to the pervasive gender inequity present throughout American society.
- 5) The observance of Women’s History Week was initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women in 1978, an occasion that was then enacted by Congress in 1987 as National Women’s History Month in perpetuity in acknowledgment that the significant contributions made by women to every field of American life were largely undocumented and unknown and deserve to be recognized.
- 6) The achievements of the women who have gone before us will enable contemporary women and men to create tomorrow’s history by working toward an end to physical and sexual violence against women, discrimination and harassment in employment and education, and the relegation to poverty status of many women.
- 7) Women’s History Month is now commemorated throughout the nation by states, schools, historians, and community groups, providing an opportunity to focus attention on the historical role and accomplishments of women so all can benefit from an awareness of these contributions.
- 8) Women’s History Month will be not only a call to acknowledge the outstanding American, and in particular, Californian, women whose names we know, but also a call to pay homage to the many women who have anonymously shaped our collective past.

**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. 83**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nguyen**

February 9, 2026

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House Resolution No. 83—Relative to Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, March is recognized nationwide as Developmental  
2 Disabilities Awareness Month, which honors the progress in, and  
3 opportunities for, supporting community life for people with  
4 developmental disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Congress enacted the  
6 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of  
7 2000, and a precursor in 1975, to ensure that individuals with  
8 developmental disabilities and their families can access quality  
9 services that promote self-determination, independence,  
10 productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community  
11 life; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1965, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 691  
13 of the 1965 Regular Session, authored by Assembly Member  
14 Waldie, with two pilot regional centers opening in 1966 to provide  
15 community services to people with developmental disabilities,  
16 which was expanded statewide in 1969 as the Lanterman  
17 Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act); and

18 WHEREAS, Through the Lanterman Act, the state has  
19 empowered people with developmental disabilities to lead lives  
20 of greater inclusion and self-direction in communities of their  
21 choosing for nearly 60 years; and

22 WHEREAS, Those disabilities are defined as autism, epilepsy,  
23 cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, and conditions that are either

1 closely related to, or require similar services as, intellectual  
2 disability, and significantly impact the life of the individual; and

3 WHEREAS, The Lanterman Act now benefits over 430,000  
4 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, Regional centers across the state and their frontline  
6 service coordinators are lifelong connections to services that make  
7 having a good quality of life possible; and

8 WHEREAS, The work completed within regional centers is  
9 intended to provide visibility to developmental disabilities in early  
10 childhood years and increase access to early intervention services;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The daily lives of people with developmental  
13 disabilities and their families are founded on the work of direct  
14 support professionals and over 40,000 service providers; and

15 WHEREAS, Regional centers and service providers continue  
16 to develop new and existing modes of service that are culturally  
17 competent; and

18 WHEREAS, People with developmental disabilities, including  
19 self-advocates, are the most important drivers of change in our  
20 system, which prioritizes individuals' self-expressed needs,  
21 interests, and goals; and

22 WHEREAS, The ways in which people with developmental  
23 disabilities thrive in the community are changing and expanding,  
24 including through the federal Home and Community-Based  
25 Services Final Rule, the Self-Determination Program, competitive  
26 integrated employment, and person-centered service modalities;  
27 now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
29 Assembly recognizes the month of March 2026 as Developmental  
30 Disabilities Awareness Month; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Assembly salutes the self-advocates and their  
32 families who are critical to informing every element of this system,  
33 as well as the state, of their perspectives, goals, and desires,  
34 providing an authentic and lived experience to shape how people  
35 with developmental disabilities are served; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Assembly commends the direct support  
37 professionals, service coordinators, regional centers, and service  
38 providers for their work; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Assembly honors the work of families in
- 2 their love and commitment to their family members with
- 3 developmental disabilities; and be it further
- 4     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 83 (Nguyen) – As Introduced February 9, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and, salutes the self-advocates and their families who are critical to informing every element of this system, as well as the state, of their perspectives, goals, and desires, providing an authentic and lived experience to shape how people with developmental disabilities are served. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March is recognized nationwide as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, which honors the progress in, and opportunities for, supporting community life for people with developmental disabilities.
- 2) In 1965, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 691 of the 1965 Regular Session, authored by Assembly Member Waldie, with two pilot regional centers opening in 1966 to provide community services to people with developmental disabilities, which was expanded statewide in 1969 as the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act).
- 3) Through the Lanterman Act, the state has empowered people with developmental disabilities to lead lives of greater inclusion and self-direction in communities of their choosing for nearly 60 years.
- 4) Those disabilities are defined as autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, and conditions that are either closely related to, or require similar services as, intellectual disability, and significantly impact the life of the individual.
- 5) The Lanterman Act now benefits over 430,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Regional centers across the state and their frontline service coordinators are lifelong connections to services that make having a good quality of life possible.
- 6) The daily lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families are founded on the work of direct support professionals and over 40,000 service providers. Regional centers and service providers continue to develop new and existing modes of service that are culturally competent.
- 7) People with developmental disabilities, including self-advocates, are the most important drivers of change in our system, which prioritizes individuals' self-expressed needs, interests, and goals.
- 8) The ways in which people with developmental disabilities thrive in the community are changing and expanding, including through the federal Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule, the Self-Determination Program, competitive integrated employment, and person-centered service modalities.

**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**

January 15, 2026

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to certified public accountants.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 111, as introduced, Niello. Certified public accountants: 125th anniversary.

This measure would commemorate, recognize, and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the certified public accountant profession, commend the California Board of Accountancy for its commitment to consumer protection and professional excellence, and honor the many certified public accountants who have contributed to California’s economic strength, public accountability, and community well-being.

Fiscal committee: no.

1       WHEREAS, In 1901, the California Legislature enacted Senate  
2 Bill 581, authored by Senator R. Porter Ashe and signed into law  
3 on March 23, 1901, by Governor Henry T. Gage, which authorized  
4 the licensing and regulation of the practice of public accountancy  
5 by certified public accountants and established state oversight of  
6 the profession; and

7       WHEREAS, The California Board of Accountancy is charged  
8 with protecting the public as its highest priority, and accomplishes  
9 this through its mission of ensuring that only qualified licensees  
10 practice public accountancy in accordance with established  
11 professional standards and its vision of consumers being well  
12 informed and receiving high-quality accounting services from  
13 professionals they can trust; and

1 WHEREAS, In furtherance of its consumer protection mandate,  
2 the California Board of Accountancy licenses and renews certified  
3 public accountants, registers accounting firms, enforces continuing  
4 education requirements, investigates complaints, and takes  
5 enforcement actions as necessary to engender public confidence  
6 in the practice of public accountancy; and

7 WHEREAS, The California Board of Accountancy is recognized  
8 as an effective and well-respected regulator that safeguards the  
9 public interest through strong, consumer protection focused  
10 initiatives and enforcement efforts, while proactively maintaining  
11 a balanced, modern, and responsive regulatory framework  
12 supported by appointed board members, committee members,  
13 volunteers, and dedicated staff; and

14 WHEREAS, Certified public accountants are licensed and  
15 regulated by the California Board of Accountancy, having met  
16 comprehensive education requirements, passed a rigorous  
17 professional examination, and completed an experience  
18 requirement, and adhere to a code of professional conduct, ethical  
19 standards of practice, and applicable statutes and regulations for  
20 the protection of the public interest; and

21 WHEREAS, For 125 years, the certified public accountant  
22 profession, under the oversight of the California Board of  
23 Accountancy, has served the public interest by promoting integrity,  
24 objectivity, and due care, building trust in the systems relied upon  
25 by individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and  
26 governments throughout California and the nation; and

27 WHEREAS, Certified public accountants operate at the center  
28 of business, consumer, and financial decisionmaking, bringing  
29 knowledge, expertise, problem-solving skills, and independent  
30 judgment to address complex and evolving challenges facing  
31 California’s businesses, governments, nonprofit organizations, and  
32 communities, and providing objective assurance and insight that  
33 inform practical solutions, make sense of what comes next, and  
34 shape key operational and long-term planning decisions; and

35 WHEREAS, The California Board of Accountancy recognizes  
36 the scope of its regulatory influence, regulating over 115,000 total  
37 licensees, including nearly 67,000 active certified public  
38 accountants and 5,900 accounting firms ranging from small  
39 individual proprietorships in rural towns to large entities with  
40 national and even worldwide footprints; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the United States Bureau of Labor  
2 Statistics, employment in accounting and related fields is projected  
3 to grow 6 percent from 2021 to 2031, resulting in more than 81,000  
4 job openings annually nationwide, with demand expected to remain  
5 strong as market needs expand and experienced professionals  
6 retire; and

7 WHEREAS, The California Society of Certified Public  
8 Accountants, established in 1903, represents and supports a diverse  
9 and dynamic community of over 40,000 professionals across public  
10 accounting, business and industry, education, and government,  
11 and serves as a leading voice for the profession by collaborating  
12 with other stakeholders to advance the public interest, shape sound  
13 public policy, provide timely information and practical guidance,  
14 promote the integrity and value of the certified public accountant  
15 profession, and strengthen trust among clients, employers, the  
16 public, and government throughout California; and

17 WHEREAS, The California Board of Accountancy collaborates  
18 with the California Society of Certified Public Accountants to  
19 protect consumers and advance the certified public accountant  
20 profession through joint efforts to maintain an effective licensing  
21 and regulatory framework, conduct outreach to consumers, aspiring  
22 certified public accountants, and licensees, educate the profession  
23 on applicable statutes, regulations, and professional standards,  
24 develop practical regulations, and ensure fair and consistent  
25 enforcement; and

26 WHEREAS, Through this ongoing collaboration, the California  
27 Board of Accountancy and the California Society of Certified  
28 Public Accountants foster a regulatory environment that upholds  
29 strong consumer protections while adapting to evolving business  
30 practices, technological advancements, workforce changes, and  
31 emerging areas of professional service, ensuring the certified public  
32 accountant profession remains trusted, relevant, and well positioned  
33 to serve the public interest now and in the future; now, therefore,  
34 be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby commemorates,  
37 recognizes, and celebrates the 125th anniversary of the certified  
38 public accountant profession, commends the California Board of  
39 Accountancy for its longstanding commitment to consumer  
40 protection and professional excellence, and honors the many

**SCR 111**

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1 certified public accountants who have contributed to California's  
2 economic strength, public accountability, and community  
3 well-being; and be it further  
4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
5 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 111 (Niello) – As Introduced January 15, 2026

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Certified public accountants: 125th anniversary.

**SUMMARY:** Commemorates and celebrates the 125th anniversary of the certified public accountant profession; commends the California Board of Accountancy for its commitment to consumer protection and professional excellence; and, honors the many certified public accountants who have contributed to California’s economic strength, public accountability, and community well-being. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 1901, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill 581, authored by Senator R. Porter Ashe and signed into law on March 23, 1901, by Governor Henry T. Gage, which authorized the licensing and regulation of the practice of public accountancy by certified public accountants and established state oversight of the profession.
- 2) The California Board of Accountancy is charged with protecting the public as its highest priority, and accomplishes this through its mission of ensuring that only qualified licensees practice public accountancy in accordance with established professional standards and its vision of consumers being well informed and receiving high-quality accounting services from professionals they can trust.
- 3) The California Board of Accountancy is recognized as an effective and well-respected regulator that safeguards the public interest through strong, consumer protection focused initiatives and enforcement efforts, while proactively maintaining a balanced, modern, and responsive regulatory framework supported by appointed board members, committee members, volunteers, and dedicated staff.
- 4) Certified public accountants are licensed and regulated by the California Board of Accountancy, having met comprehensive education requirements, passed a rigorous professional examination, and completed an experience requirement, and adhere to a code of professional conduct, ethical standards of practice, and applicable statutes and regulations for the protection of the public interest.
- 5) For 125 years, the certified public accountant profession, under the oversight of the California Board of Accountancy, has served the public interest by promoting integrity, objectivity, and due care, building trust in the systems relied upon by individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and governments throughout California and the nation.

**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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February 27, 2026

Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Rules  
1020 "O" Street, Room 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Pacheco,

Please consider this request to add an urgency clause to AB 1534 (Irwin), pursuant to Joint Rule 58.

AB 1534 will create an approval process for short-term workforce programs seeking to access newly created federal Workforce Pell Grants from HR 1.

HR 1 requires states to determine if institutions seeking Workforce Pell meet certain criteria. Because these funds will become available on July 1, 2026, an urgency clause is necessary to ensure this bill meets the implementation needs of HR 1 by that date.

Additionally, an urgency clause is necessary to protect students from bad actors and ensure they are using their limited lifetime Pell Grant eligibility only on programs that will deliver real opportunity for them.

Instances of fraud or abuse in short-term programs are alarmingly frequent<sup>1</sup>. This bill includes consumer protection guardrails to protect students from low-quality, overly expensive and fraudulent programs seeking to take advantage of those desperate for career advancement.

HR 1 requires states to approve short-term programs that provide participants with skills-based and stackable credentials in high-demand fields that will lead to high-paying jobs. Proper vetting of programs will be critical to ensure participation in these programs will deliver real results and economic advancement for them and their families.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JACQUI IRWIN  
Assemblymember, 42<sup>nd</sup> District

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<sup>1</sup> TICAS (The Institute for College Access & Success) provides an extensive report on instances of fraud:  
<https://ticas.org/accountability/consumer-protection-state-action-blog-june-2025/>

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2 March 2026

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

**Re: Urgency Clause Request for AB 1768**

Dear Chair Pacheco:

I am writing to request that an Urgency Clause be added to AB 1768. The County of Los Angeles has placed a 0.5% tax on their June 2026 ballot. The urgency clause is needed to give timely authorization to the County of Los Angeles to go above the existing 2% cap.

Thank you for your assistance.

If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to my Legislative Director, Kenneth Cruz, at [Kenneth.Cruz@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Cruz@asm.ca.gov) or 916-319-2055

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac G. Bryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Isaac G. Bryan  
Assemblymember, District 55

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
180-DAY WAIT PERIOD EXCEPTION FOR RETIRED ANNUITANT**

**ISSUE:**

Should the Assembly Rules Committee request a 180-Day Wait Period Exception from CalPERS to authorize the hire of a retired annuitant?

**BACKGROUND:**

As a nationally certified Registered Parliamentarian, and the Assembly's former Floor Director, Brian Ebbert, has advised the Assembly on legislative procedure and assisted Speaker Robert Rivas on parliamentary inquiries. With his 34 plus years of experience working for the California State Assembly, Brian served as Senior procedural and parliamentary advisor to the Assembly Speaker and his leadership team. This unique parliamentary skill set is needed for daily coordination of the Floor business, strategic motions, and procedures of the House, which allows the Assembly membership to focus on the substance of the legislative proposals being debated by the House. Currently there is no other Assembly staff certified as a Parliamentarian to provide the expert procedural analysis and advice to Assembly leadership in this capacity. Given the flow of the legislative calendar and that thousands of bills will be heard and sent to the Assembly Floor for debate, it is requested that Brian Ebbert be allowed to return to advise the Assembly Speaker as a retired annuitant until other Assembly staff complete their certification and become a Registered Parliamentarian.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve

**RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, in compliance with Government (Gov.) Code section 7522.56 of the Public Employees' Retirement Law, the California State Assembly must provide CalPERS this certification resolution when hiring a retiree before 180 days has passed since their retirement date; and

WHEREAS, Brian Ebbert, (CalPERS ID 2377966213), retired from California State Assembly in the position of Chief Consultant, effective December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Code section 7522.56 requires that post-retirement employment commence no earlier than the 181st day after the retirement date, which is June 30, 2026, without this certification resolution; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Code section 7522.56 provides that this exception to the 180-day wait period shall not apply if the retiree accepts any retirement-related incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Rules Committee, the California State Assembly and Brian Ebbert certify that Brian Ebbert has not and will not receive a Golden Handshake or any other retirement-related incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Rules Committee hereby appoints Brian Ebbert as a temporary extra help assignment retired annuitant to perform the duties of a Chief Consultant for the California State Assembly under Gov. Code section 21224 effective March 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the entire employment agreement letter between Brian Ebbert and the California State Assembly has been reviewed.

WHEREAS, no matters, issues, terms or conditions related to this employment and appointment have been or will be placed on a consent calendar; and

WHEREAS, the employment shall be limited to 960 hours per fiscal year for all CalPERS employers; and

WHEREAS, the compensation paid to retirees cannot be less than the minimum nor exceed the maximum monthly base salary paid to other employees performing comparable duties, divided by 151.667 (instead of 173.333 because the California State Assembly work week is 35 hours) to equal the hourly rate; and

WHEREAS, the maximum base salary for this position is \$24,102 monthly and the hourly equivalent is \$159 and the minimum base salary for this position is \$10,834 monthly and the hourly equivalent is \$71; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate paid to Brian Ebbert will be \$125 hourly; and

WHEREAS, Brian Ebbert has not and will not receive any other benefit, incentive, compensation in lieu of benefit or other form of compensation in addition to this hourly pay rate; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the California State Assembly hereby certifies the nature of the appointment of Brian Ebbert, as described herein, and that this extra help

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**March 9, 2026**

appointment is necessary to fill the critically needed position of Chief Consultant for the California State Assembly through December 30, 2026 because Brian Ebbert is a nationally certified Registered Parliamentarian and this unique skill set is needed to advise on procedural and parliamentary inquiries so the membership of the Assembly may focus on the substance of the legislative proposals being debated by the House.