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Monday, March 16, 2026
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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/13/2026
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 2049, AB 2101, AB 2103, AB 2492, AB 2538, AB 2614, and AB 2748 has changed.

The following bills have been added to the referral list: AB 1820 and AB 2390.

The following bills have been removed from the referral list: AB 1862, AB 2074, and AB 2632.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/16/2026

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

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 146

Introduced by Assembly Member Ransom

February 20, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 146—Relative to Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 146, as introduced, Ransom. Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2026 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature is proud to proclaim March 2026
2 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in this state; and
3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting
4 at least 4,000 people in California, and Von Willebrand disease
5 impacts at least 360,000 people in California; and
6 WHEREAS, Without treatment, people with hemophilia and
7 other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding
8 episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joints, muscles,
9 internal organs, and brain. Repeated bleeding episodes in the joints
10 result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often
11 lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic
12 pain. Bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain
13 can cause permanent damage, disability, and even death; and
14 WHEREAS, Many individuals with hemophilia became infected
15 with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C in the

1 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood
2 products; and

3 WHEREAS, With proper care and access to comprehensive
4 medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related
5 bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and lead
6 productive lives; and

7 WHEREAS, Visits to federally recognized hemophilia treatment
8 centers reduce morbidity and mortality significantly; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of California is committed to proper care
10 and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other
11 related bleeding disorders through previously enacted legislation;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, This awareness month will generate greater
14 understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding
15 disorders; and

16 WHEREAS, This awareness month will foster a greater sense
17 of community and shared purpose among all individuals with
18 inheritable bleeding disorders; and

19 WHEREAS, This awareness month will elevate the awareness
20 of, and engagement in, the inheritable bleeding disorders journey
21 beyond this community to the general public, enabling the
22 prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature pause in its deliberations
26 to proudly proclaim the month of March 2026 as Bleeding
27 Disorders Awareness Month in California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 16, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 146 (Ransom) – As Introduced February 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2026 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting at least 4,000 people in California, and Von Willebrand disease impacts at least 360,000 people in California.
- 2) Without treatment, people with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joints, muscles, internal organs, and brain.
- 3) Repeated bleeding episodes in the joints result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic pain. Bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain can cause permanent damage, disability, and even death.
- 4) With proper care and access to comprehensive medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and lead productive lives.
- 5) Visits to federally recognized hemophilia treatment centers reduce morbidity and mortality significantly.
- 6) The State of California is committed to proper care and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders through previously enacted legislation.
- 7) This awareness month will generate greater understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, and will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders.

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. 151

Introduced by Assembly Member Papan

February 26, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 151—Relative to Greek Independence Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 151, as introduced, Papan. Greek Independence Day.

This measure would designate March 25, 2026, as Greek Independence Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The ancient Greeks developed the concept of
2 democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in
3 the people; and

4 WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers of the United States drew
5 heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient
6 Greece in forming our representative democracy; and

7 WHEREAS, After centuries of unsuccessful uprisings and failure
8 of the Ottoman Empire to assimilate and convert the Greeks, the
9 Greek War of Independence began in 1821 rising up against 400
10 years of occupation and oppression by the Ottoman Turks. During
11 the dark years of the Ottoman occupation, thousands were killed
12 and tortured for attending church or teaching their children Greek
13 culture, history, and language; and

14 WHEREAS, For eight years the fighting ensued, until 1829,
15 when the Sultan Mahmud II, facing Russian troops at the gates of

1 Constantinople, accepted Greek independence with the Treaty of
2 Andrianople; and
3 WHEREAS, March 25, 2026, marks the 205th anniversary of
4 the rebellion and the tenacity of the Greek people to stand strong
5 against the Ottoman Empire; and
6 WHEREAS, Greece played a major role in the World War II
7 struggle to protect freedom and democracy; and
8 WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill said of the Greeks after this
9 fighting, “Hence we will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but
10 that heroes fight like Greeks”; and
11 WHEREAS, Greece and the United States of America are at
12 the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability,
13 and human rights; and
14 WHEREAS, Those and other ideals have forged a close bond
15 between our two nations and their peoples; and
16 WHEREAS, Greek Independence Day reminds us of the strong
17 principles and bonds that the United States of America and Greece
18 share, including commitment to the democratic ideals of justice
19 and freedom; and
20 WHEREAS, Approximately 3,000,000 Greek Americans have
21 joined mainstream society and began to make significant
22 contributions as Californians in the fields of finance, technology,
23 law, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and
24 government, as well as in other areas; and
25 WHEREAS, Today, we take special note of those citizens and
26 thank them for their innumerable contributions to our nation’s
27 cultural, economic, and political heritage; now, therefore, be it
28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates March
30 25, 2026, as “Greek Independence Day: A Day of Celebration of
31 Greek and American Democracy”; and be it further
32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the author for distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 16, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 151 (Papan) – As Introduced February 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Greek Independence Day.

SUMMARY: Designates March 25, 2026, as Greek Independence Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people. The Founding Fathers of the United States drew heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy.
- 2) After centuries of unsuccessful uprisings and failure of the Ottoman Empire to assimilate and convert the Greeks, the Greek War of Independence began in 1821, rising up against 400 years of occupation and oppression by the Ottoman Turks. During the dark years of the Ottoman occupation, thousands were killed and tortured for attending church or teaching their children Greek culture, history, and language.
- 3) March 25, 2026, marks the 205th anniversary of the rebellion and the tenacity of the Greek people to stand strong against the Ottoman Empire.
- 4) Greece and the United States of America are at the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights. These and other ideals have forged a close bond between our two nations and their peoples.
- 5) Approximately three million Greek Americans have joined mainstream society and begun to make significant contributions as Californians in the fields of finance, technology, law, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and government, as well as in other areas.
- 6) Greek Independence Day reminds us of the strong principles and bonds that the United States of America and Greece share, including a commitment to the democratic ideals of justice and freedom.

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. 156

Introduced by Assembly Member Hoover

March 3, 2026

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 156—Relative to National Day of Play.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 156, as introduced, Hoover. National Day of Play.

This measure would recognize National Day of Play on March 21, 2026.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Surgeon General of the United States has
2 formally declared an epidemic of loneliness and social isolation,
3 highlighting its health impacts, such as higher risk for anxiety,
4 depression, heart disease, and dementia, and a shorter life span;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, People are spending less time with family and
7 friends and are less involved in their communities; and

8 WHEREAS, A 2022 study found that families spend a
9 significant portion of shared physical spaces in alone-together
10 time, meaning individuals are present, but engaged in their own
11 activities, such as using electronic devices; and

12 WHEREAS, Studies suggest that 21 percent of adults in the
13 United States feel lonely; and

14 WHEREAS, Only about one in three adults receives the
15 recommended amount of physical activity each week, with less

1 than 5 percent participating in 30 minutes of activity each day;
2 and
3 WHEREAS, Community-focused events, shared activities that
4 require collaboration, and acts of service for the common good
5 can bring a community together and promote social connection;
6 and
7 WHEREAS, Social connectedness reflects the continuum of
8 meeting social connection needs; and
9 WHEREAS, Social connection can help reduce the risk of
10 chronic disease and serious illness; and
11 WHEREAS, Social connection can improve our ability to
12 manage stress, anxiety, and depression; and
13 WHEREAS, Social connection encourages healthy eating habits
14 and physical activity; and
15 WHEREAS, Important communities, such as neighborhoods,
16 schools, places of worship, workplaces, and parks and recreation
17 centers, offer social connections; and
18 WHEREAS, “Play” can be defined as an activity that is
19 self-chosen, intrinsically motivated, and conducted in an active,
20 but relatively stress-free, frame of mind; and
21 WHEREAS, Play is fundamentally connected to social
22 connection, as it provides space to develop and practice essential
23 social skills, such as communication, cooperation, empathy, and
24 negotiation; and
25 WHEREAS, Play promotes brain development, executive
26 function skills, stress reduction, creativity, and problem-solving
27 skills, while also strengthening relationships and fostering healthy
28 social-emotional growth; and
29 WHEREAS, Play is a proven stress reliever for both children
30 and adults, promoting overall well-being; and
31 WHEREAS, Play reduces obesity and associated diseases; and
32 WHEREAS, Children today spend up to 35 percent less time
33 playing freely outdoors due to a combination of factors, including
34 increased screen time; and
35 WHEREAS, Excessive device use has detrimental physical and
36 mental health impacts; and
37 WHEREAS, Long-term consequences of excessive device use
38 include impaired social development and cognitive function,
39 particularly in children; and

1 WHEREAS, Excessive device use can foster an absent presence,
2 in which individuals are physically together, but mentally
3 disengaged, leading to reduced quality in face-to-face interactions
4 and increased feelings of social isolation; and

5 WHEREAS, Taking a break from electronics and screen time
6 can provide significant physical, mental, and social benefits; and

7 WHEREAS, A National Day of Play advocates for and
8 celebrates the essential role of play and social connections; and

9 WHEREAS, A National Day of Play encourages individuals to
10 put down their devices and participate in community-organized
11 events; and

12 WHEREAS, A National Day of Play strengthens community
13 bonds and encourages a focus on creating safe and healthy
14 environments for all; and

15 WHEREAS, The spring equinox represents the official start of
16 spring in the Northern Hemisphere, signifying rebirth, renewal,
17 and balance; and

18 WHEREAS, The spring equinox marks when days begin to get
19 longer; and

20 WHEREAS, March 21, 2026, is the first Saturday after the
21 spring equinox; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes National Day
24 of Play on March 21st, 2026; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Legislature expresses support for Congress’s
26 annual designation of the first Saturday after the spring equinox
27 as National Day of Play; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance of
29 social connection for mental, physical, and social development,
30 and encourages people to put their electronics down and play; and
31 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 16, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 156 (Hoover) – As Introduced March 3, 2026

SUBJECT: National Day of Play.

SUMMARY: Recognizes National Day of Play on March 21, 2026; and, recognizes the importance of social connection for mental, physical, and social development, and encourages people to put their electronics down and play. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) “Play” can be defined as an activity that is self-chosen, intrinsically motivated, and conducted in an active, but relatively stress-free, frame of mind. Play is fundamentally connected to social connection, as it provides space to develop and practice essential social skills, such as communication, cooperation, empathy, and negotiation.
- 2) Play promotes brain development, executive function skills, stress reduction, creativity, and problem-solving skills, while also strengthening relationships and fostering healthy social-emotional growth.
- 3) Children today spend up to 35 percent less time playing freely outdoors due to a combination of factors, including increased screen time. Excessive device use has detrimental physical and mental health impacts.
- 4) Excessive device use can foster an absent presence, in which individuals are physically together, but mentally disengaged, leading to reduced quality in face-to-face interactions and increased feelings of social isolation.
- 5) The Surgeon General of the United States has formally declared an epidemic of loneliness and social isolation, highlighting its health impacts, such as higher risk for anxiety, depression, heart disease, and dementia, and a shorter life span.
- 6) A National Day of Play advocates for and celebrates the essential role of play and social connections.

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. 90

Introduced by Assembly Member Gabriel

March 5, 2026

House Resolution No. 90—Relative to Nowruz.

1 WHEREAS, Nowruz, the day of the vernal equinox, is
2 celebrated as the beginning of the traditional new year by more
3 than 300,000,000 people around the world. It is celebrated on the
4 exact day of the astronomical northward equinox, which occurs
5 on or around March 21; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2010, the United Nations has designated
7 March 21 as the International Day of Nowruz; and

8 WHEREAS, Nowruz is a combination of two Dari words: the
9 first, “now,” means new, and the second, “ruz,” means day.
10 Together, they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new
11 year for many Afghan and Central Asian communities all over the
12 world; and

13 WHEREAS, The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to
14 springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between
15 generations, families, and communities. Nowruz symbolizes a time
16 of renewal and community. It harkens the departure from the trials
17 and tribulations of the previous year and brings hope for the new
18 year; and

19 WHEREAS, During Nowruz, people visit family, reconnect
20 with community members, forgive past wrongs, and exchange
21 gifts as a sign of peace and friendship, and these festivities last
22 multiple days; and

23 WHEREAS, Nowruz has been celebrated for over 3,000 years
24 in many countries, such as the United States, Afghanistan, Albania

1 (by Bektashi Muslims), Armenia (by Iranian Armenians, Kurds,
2 and Yezidis), Azerbaijan, Bangladesh (by Bangladeshi Shia
3 Muslims and others), China (by Tajiks and Turkic peoples),
4 Georgia (by Azerbaijanis), India (by Iranis, Parsis, and some Indian
5 Muslims), Iran, Iraq (by Kurds and Turkmens), Israel (by Persian
6 Jews, Kurdish Jews, Mountain Jews, and Bukharan Jews), Kashmir,
7 Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Northern Cyprus, Pakistan (by Balochs,
8 Baltis, Iranis, Parsis, and Pashtuns), Russia (by Tabasarans), Syria
9 (by Kurds), Tajikistan, Turkey (by Azerbaijanis, Kurds, and
10 Yoruks), Turkmenistan, Ukraine (by Crimean Tatars), and
11 Uzbekistan; and

12 WHEREAS, Nowruz is celebrated by Americans of all
13 backgrounds, including those with Baha'i, Christian, Jewish,
14 Muslim, Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds; and

15 WHEREAS, Nowruz, as the embodiment of the unity of cultural
16 heritage and centuries-long traditions, plays a significant role in
17 strengthening the ties among peoples based on mutual respect and
18 the ideals of peace and good neighborliness; and

19 WHEREAS, Nowruz serves to remind the United States of the
20 many lasting contributions of the Persian civilization to the world
21 and the noteworthy impact of Afghan Americans and Iranians to
22 the social and economic fabric of society in the United States,
23 including one of the earliest expressions of human rights in the
24 world—the Cylinder of Cyrus the Great. The United States Census
25 Bureau reports that the largest population of Afghans outside of
26 Afghanistan is in California and that 54 percent of Iranian
27 immigrants in America live in California; and

28 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed
29 International Nowruz Day in 2010 at the enterprise of several
30 countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global
31 Nowruz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the
32 many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to
33 the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country.
34 After thousands of years in the making, Nowruz remains beloved,
35 universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture; now, therefore,
36 be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
38 *Assembly joins all communities throughout the state in celebrating*
39 *the Spring Equinox, recognizes March 21, 2026, as the*
40 *International Day of Nowruz, and extends best wishes for a*

1 peaceful and prosperous Nowruz to all Californians; and be it
2 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 16, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 90 (Gabriel) – As Introduced March 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Nowruz.

SUMMARY: Celebrates March 21, 2026, as the International Day of Nowruz, and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowruz to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nowruz is a combination of two Dari words: the first, “now,” means new, and the second, “ruz,” means day. Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new year for many Afghan and Central Asian communities all over the world. It is celebrated on the exact day of the astronomical northward equinox, which occurs on or around March 21.
- 2) The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between generations, families, and communities. Nowruz symbolizes a time of renewal and community. It harkens the departure from the trials and tribulations of the previous year, and brings hope for the new year.
- 3) During Nowruz, people visit family, reconnect with community members, forgive past wrongs, and exchange gifts as a sign of peace and friendship, and these festivities last multiple days.
- 4) The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed International Nowruz Day in 2010 at the enterprise of several countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global Nowruz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country. After thousands of years in the making, Nowruz remains beloved, universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture.
- 5) Nowruz, as the embodiment of the unity of cultural heritage and centuries-long traditions, plays a significant role in strengthening the ties among peoples based on mutual respect and the ideals of peace and good neighborliness.

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. 91

Introduced by Assembly Member Ortega

March 12, 2026

House Resolution No. 91—Relative to César Chávez Day.

1 WHEREAS, César Estrada Chávez recognized that for many
2 people, spanning many generations and many ethnicities, the path
3 to a better life frequently begins in the fields. For many
4 farmworkers, the American Dream means a life of self-sacrifice,
5 hard work, and perseverance; and

6 WHEREAS, César Chávez experienced the hardships and
7 injustices of farmworker life firsthand. He was born on March 31,
8 1927, in the North Gila River Valley in Arizona, on the small
9 family farm his grandfather homesteaded. César Chávez’s father
10 lost the farm during the Great Depression, forcing the family to
11 join some 30,000 farmworkers who followed the crops throughout
12 California and lived in tents and makeshift housing that often
13 lacked a bathroom, electricity, or running water; and

14 WHEREAS, César Chávez understood the value of education
15 as a path to a better life because he quit school after completing
16 the 8th grade to work full time, helping to support his family in
17 the fields. Later in life, César Chávez became self-educated through
18 his passion for reading; and

19 WHEREAS, Although later a pacifist, in 1946, César Chávez
20 enrolled and served his country in the United States Navy. He was
21 honorably discharged whereupon he married Helen Fabela and
22 eventually settled in the East San Jose barrio nicknamed “Sal Si
23 Puedes” (“Get Out If You Can”) to raise a family that eventually
24 numbered eight children; and

1 WHEREAS, In San Jose, César Chávez was introduced to the
2 social teachings of the Catholic Church and trained in community
3 organizing strategies and tactics. César Chávez and Fred Ross, an
4 organizer for the Community Service Organization (CSO),
5 established CSO chapters across California and Arizona during
6 the 1950s, helping Latinos register to vote, pushing for basic public
7 services and infrastructure in the barrios, peacefully battling police
8 brutality and racial discrimination, and creating the most effective
9 Latino civil rights group of its era; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1962, after failing to convince the CSO to let
11 him organize farmworkers, César Chávez resigned from the only
12 decent paying job he ever held and moved his wife and eight
13 children to Delano, California. There, with \$1,200 in life savings
14 that was soon gone, César Chávez, his family, and close friends
15 began building the National Farm Workers Association, which
16 later became the United Farm Workers of America (UFW); and

17 WHEREAS, In 1965, in a partnership with a union of Filipino
18 American farmworkers, César Chávez organized a major strike
19 against grape growers in California. The following year César
20 Chávez led an unprecedented 340-mile march, from Delano to
21 Sacramento, that placed the farmworkers' plight before the
22 conscience of the American people. Supporters carried slogans
23 with the words "HUELGA" (strike) and "VIVA LA CAUSA"
24 (long live our cause), advocating for improved compensation and
25 labor conditions. Later efforts resulted in the enactment of
26 California's historic Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, the
27 first and still the only law in the nation to "encourage and protect"
28 the right of farmworkers to organize and bargain with their
29 employers; and

30 WHEREAS, Through countless strikes, boycotts, marches, and
31 fasts that produced many victories and some defeats, César Chávez,
32 who even considered vegetarianism an integral part of living
33 nonviolently, never stopped his peaceful battles on behalf of the
34 farmworkers with whom he shared his life. His dedication to his
35 work earned him the respect of some of our greatest political and
36 civil rights leaders, including Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King
37 Jr., and Jesse Jackson. César Chávez's motto in life, "Sí Se Puede!"
38 or "Yes We Can!" has served as an inspiration not only for Latinos,
39 but for working Americans of all walks of life; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1993, César Chávez died peacefully in his sleep
2 in San Luis, Arizona. Forty thousand people marched behind his
3 plain pine casket during funeral services in Delano to honor a man
4 who never made more than \$5,000 a year, never owned a home,
5 and left no money behind for his family. They came to affirm César
6 Chávez’s words from his landmark 1984 address to the
7 Commonwealth Club in San Francisco: “Once social change
8 begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person
9 who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who
10 feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid
11 anymore”; and

12 WHEREAS, Although César Chávez was uncomfortable with
13 personal recognition in life, since his passing Chávez has been
14 honored in hundreds of communities. César Chávez was awarded
15 “El Aguila Azteca” (the Aztec Eagle), Mexico’s highest award
16 presented to people of Mexican heritage. In 1994, President Bill
17 Clinton posthumously presented César Chávez with America’s
18 highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2006,
19 California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger inducted César
20 Chávez into the first class of the California Hall of Fame. In 2011,
21 the United States Navy announced naming the latest Lewis and
22 Clark-class cargo ship built in San Diego the USNS César Chávez;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Since César Chávez’s passing, the UFW has
25 continued his work through organizing farmworkers and campaigns
26 to enact laws and regulations to bring dignity and protections to
27 farmworkers. Meanwhile, the César Chávez Foundation continues
28 improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of farmworkers and
29 other low-wage working families through more than 39
30 high-quality affordable housing communities it has built or
31 renovated and manages in four states, a network of eight popular
32 educational Spanish-language radio stations in three states,
33 after-school tutoring for disadvantaged students in two states, and
34 the National Chávez Center, including a visitor center, memorial
35 gardens, and educational center on 187 acres in the Tehachapi
36 Mountains where César Chávez lived and worked, and is buried;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, César Chávez successfully increased public
39 awareness of farmworker working conditions. To many
40 Californians the farmworkers’ struggles are an issue from the past,

1 a belief reflected by the fact that farmworker suffering typically
2 takes place in remote areas far from cities, thereby rendering
3 farmworkers invisible to our society. The fruits and vegetables
4 that we enjoy in our daily lives are produced by farmworkers who
5 often endure long hours of backbreaking work and still face
6 challenges such as inadequate enforcement of pesticide, safety,
7 and labor protection laws in the fields; and

8 WHEREAS, Farmworkers still dream of providing a better life
9 for their children, but the reality of having to move from crop to
10 crop makes this dream hard to achieve. Economic forces and the
11 rising cost of living have pushed farmworkers further into poverty;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In 2000, the Legislature passed and Governor Gray
14 Davis signed into law Senate Bill 984 (Chapter 213 of the Statutes
15 of 2000) to create the first annual state holiday in the country on
16 César Chávez's birthday, March 31. Under that law, the State
17 Board of Education also created a statewide curriculum on Chávez
18 and encourages schools across the state to engage teachers and
19 students in service learning projects as a way of honoring the
20 legendary farm labor and civil rights leader; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
22 Assembly calls upon all Californians to observe César Chávez's
23 birthday, March 31, as a day of public service; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Assembly calls upon all Californians to
25 recognize the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go
26 through to feed all the families in our state; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Assembly calls upon all Californians to learn
28 from César Chávez's life and his mission of nonviolence, social
29 justice, and selfless service to others; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to the Chávez family, the United Farm Workers
32 of America, the César Chávez Foundation, and the author for
33 appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 16, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 91 (Ortega) – As Introduced March 12, 2026

SUBJECT: César Chávez Day.

SUMMARY: Observes March 31 as César Chávez’s birthday and as a day of public service; and, calls upon all Californians to recognize the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go through to feed all the families in our state and to learn from César Chávez's life and his mission of nonviolence, social justice, and selfless service to others. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) César Estrada Chávez was born on March 31, 1927, in the North Gila River Valley in Arizona on a small family farm his grandfather homesteaded.
- 2) César Chávez experienced the hardships and injustices of farmworker life firsthand. His father lost the farm during the Great Depression, forcing the family to join some 30,000 farmworkers who followed the crops throughout California and lived in tents and makeshift housing that often lacked a bathroom, electricity, or running water.
- 3) Through countless strikes, boycotts, marches, and fasts that produced many victories and some defeats, César Chávez, who even considered vegetarianism an integral part of living nonviolently, never stopped his peaceful battles on behalf of the farmworkers with whom he shared his life.
- 4) César Chávez’s dedication to his work earned him the respect of some of our greatest political and civil rights leaders, including Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jesse Jackson. César Chávez's motto in life, "Si Se Puede!" or "Yes We Can!" has served as an inspiration not only for Latinos, but for working Americans of all walks of life.
- 5) In 2000, the Legislature enacted SB 984 (Chapter 213, Statutes of 2000) to create the first annual state holiday in the country on César Chávez's birthday, March 31. Under that law, the State Board of Education also created a statewide curriculum on César Chávez.

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 Wahab
(Coauthors: Senators Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon,
Cervantes, Gonzalez, Hurtado, Laird, Niello, Padilla, Stern,
Umberg, and Wiener)**

February 13, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 125—Relative to Ramadan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 125, as introduced, Wahab. Ramadan.

This measure would acknowledge the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and express the Legislature’s deepest respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this significant occasion.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world’s major religions and
2 part of our shared human heritage; and
3 WHEREAS, California’s Muslim community is one of the most
4 diverse in the nation, with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that
5 span the globe; and
6 WHEREAS, Muslims have a long history in the United States,
7 spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the
8 enslaved African people were said to be Muslim; and
9 WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation’s armed
10 forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the
11 American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some
12 Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and
13 WHEREAS, Muslims have contributed to social movements
14 throughout the history of the United States in order to work toward
15 justice, civil rights, and fair inclusion for all; and

1 WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our
2 present-day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant
3 role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and
4 political development; and

5 WHEREAS, There are over one-half million Muslim Americans
6 across this state contributing to its economy, social fabric, and
7 multicultural and pluralistic traditions; and

8 WHEREAS, The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard
9 work and contributions to medicine, science, information
10 technology, education, law enforcement, military, and many other
11 fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant,
12 and economically vibrant environment; and

13 WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build
14 communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual
15 renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express
16 gratitude in this month; and

17 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual
18 renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the
19 Muslim calendar year; and

20 WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim holy month of
21 Ramadan commences at dusk on February 17, 2026, and continues
22 for one lunar month, with Muslims fasting from sunrise to sunset
23 each day; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
25 *thereof concurring,* That in observance of and out of respect for
26 the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting
27 and spiritual renewal, the Legislature acknowledges the onset of
28 Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims across
29 California and throughout the world on this significant occasion;
30 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 16, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 125 (Wahab) – As Introduced February 13, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Ramadan.

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the Muslim holy month of Ramadan; and, expresses the Legislature’s deepest respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this significant occasion. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Islam is one of the world’s major religions and is part of our shared human heritage. California’s Muslim community is one of the most diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that span the globe.
- 2) From the early days of the pioneers to our present-day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.
- 3) There are over one-half million Muslim Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions.
- 4) Muslim residents, with their hard work and contributions to medicine, science, information technology, education, law enforcement, military, and many other fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant, and economically vibrant environment.
- 5) Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, aid those in need, and marks an annual spiritual renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude.
- 6) Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year.
- 7) The observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on February 17, 2026, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day.

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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March 6, 2026

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco
Chair, Assembly Committee on Rules
State Capitol, Room 4510
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Pacheco,

I have introduced Assembly Bill 1697 (Kalra), which will delay the implementation of AB 692 (Kalra, Chaptered 2025) by one year and make these provisions effective January 1, 2027. By delaying the implementation of AB 692, this will allow for more time to resolve the concerns around ongoing collective bargaining.

In addition, the bill will add an urgency clause to become effective and apply the delayed implementation by one year once signed into law by the Governor.

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Salazar at Erika.salazar@asm.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember Ash Kalra
25th Assembly District

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1697

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1697

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra

February 3, 2026



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~~An act to amend Section 92 of the Labor Code, relating to employment.~~ *An act to amend Section 16608 of the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 926 of the Labor Code, relating to employment.*

Amendment 1

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1697, as introduced, Kalra. ~~Division of Labor Standards Enforcement.~~ *Employment contracts: stay-or-pay provisions: contract date.*

Existing law generally prohibits an employment contract from requiring a worker to pay certain penalties, fees, costs, or debts related to employment or education if the worker's employment or work relationship terminates, as provided. Existing law provides that a contract that is unlawful under that prohibition is void and contrary to public policy as a restraint of engaging in a lawful profession, trade, or business. Existing law authorizes a worker, among other persons, to bring a civil action for specified civil penalties and relief for a violation of these provisions. Existing law applies these prohibitions to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2026.

This bill would instead apply those provisions to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2027.

~~Existing law establishes the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement under the direction of the Labor Commissioner within the Department of Industrial Relations and sets forth its powers and duties of the~~

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~~commissioner and the commissioner’s deputies and agents, including the power to issue subpoenas for the purpose of carrying out the laws under their jurisdiction.~~

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- + SECTION 1. Section 16608 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- + 16608. (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
 - + (1) “Contract” includes a promise, undertaking, contract, or agreement, whether written or oral, express or implied.
 - + (2) “Debt” means money, personal property, or their equivalent that is due or owing or alleged to be due or owing from a natural person to another person, including, but not limited to, for employment-related costs, education-related costs, or a consumer financial product or service, regardless of whether the debt is certain, contingent, or incurred voluntarily.
 - + (3) “Debt collector” has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1788.2 of the Civil Code.
 - + (4) “Employer” means any person or entity that employs workers. “Employer” includes any parent company, subsidiary, division, affiliate, contractor, hiring party, or third-party agent of an employer.
 - + (5) “Freelance worker” has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 18101.
 - + (6) “Misconduct” has the same meaning as in Section 1256 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.
 - + (7) “Penalty, fee, or cost” includes, but is not limited to, a replacement hire fee, retraining fee, replacement fee, quit fee, reimbursement for immigration or visa-related costs, liquidated damages, lost goodwill, and lost profit.
 - + (8) “Person” means a natural person or an entity, including, but not limited to, a corporation, partnership, association, trust, limited liability company, cooperative, or other organization.
 - + (9) “Training provider” means an entity, whether or not affiliated with an employer, that provides an education program, as defined

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- + in Section 94837 of the Education Code, a job training program,
- + or a skills training program.
- + (10) “Transferable credential” means a degree that is offered
- + by a third-party institution that is accredited and authorized to
- + operate in the state, is not required for a worker’s current
- + employment, and is transferable and useful for employment beyond
- + the worker’s current employer.
- + (11) “Worker” means a natural person who is permitted to work
- + for or on behalf of an employer or business entity, or who is
- + permitted to participate in any other work relationship, job training
- + program, or skills training program. “Worker” includes, but is not
- + limited to, an employee or prospective employee.
- + (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), for contracts entered
- + into on or after January 1, ~~2026~~, 2027, it shall be unlawful to
- + include in any employment contract, or to require a worker to
- + execute as a condition of employment or a work relationship a
- + contract that includes, a contract term that does any of the
- + following:
- + (A) Requires the worker to pay an employer, training provider,
- + or debt collector for a debt if the worker’s employment or work
- + relationship with a specific employer terminates.
- + (B) Authorizes the employer, training provider, or debt collector
- + to resume or initiate collection of or end forbearance on a debt if
- + the worker’s employment or work relationship with a specific
- + employer terminates.
- + (C) Imposes any penalty, fee, or cost on a worker if the worker’s
- + employment or work relationship with a specific employer
- + terminates.
- + (2) This section does not apply to any of the following:
- + (A) A contract entered into under any loan repayment assistance
- + program or loan forgiveness program provided by a federal, state,
- + or local governmental agency.
- + (B) A contract related to the repayment of the cost of tuition for
- + a transferable credential that meets all of the following
- + requirements:
- + (i) The contract is offered separately from any contract for
- + employment.
- + (ii) The contract does not require obtaining the transferable
- + credential as a condition of employment.

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- + (iii) The contract specifies the repayment amount before the worker agrees to the contract, and the repayment amount does not exceed the cost to the employer of the transferable credential received by the worker.
- + (iv) The contract provides for a prorated repayment amount during any required employment period that is proportional to the total repayment amount and the length of the required employment period and does not require an accelerated payment schedule if the worker separates from the employment.
- + (v) The contract does not require repayment to the employer by the worker if the worker is terminated, except if the worker is terminated for misconduct.
- + (C) A contract related to enrollment in an apprenticeship program approved by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards.
- + (D) A contract for the receipt of a discretionary or unearned monetary payment, including a financial bonus, at the outset of employment that is not tied to specific job performance, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
 - + (i) The terms of any repayment obligation are set forth in a separate agreement from the primary employment contract.
 - + (ii) The employee is notified that they have the right to consult an attorney regarding the agreement and provided with a reasonable time period of not less than five business days to obtain advice of counsel prior to executing the agreement.
 - + (iii) Any repayment obligation for early separation from employment is not subject to interest accrual and is prorated based on the remaining term of any retention period, which shall not exceed two years from the receipt of payment.
 - + (iv) The worker has an option to defer receipt of the payment to the end of a fully served retention period without any repayment obligation.
 - + (v) Separation from employment prior to the retention period was at the sole election of the employee, or at the election of the employer for misconduct.
- + (E) A contract related to the lease, financing, or purchase of residential property, including, but not limited to, a contract pursuant to the California Residential Mortgage Lending Act (Division 20 (commencing with Section 50000) of the Financial Code).

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+ (c) A contract that is unlawful under subdivision (b) is a contract
+ restraining a person from engaging in a lawful profession, trade,
+ or business, and is void under Section 16600 only if the contract
+ was entered into on or after January 1, ~~2026~~. 2027.

+ (d) The rights, remedies, and penalties established by this section
+ are cumulative and shall not be construed to supersede or limit the
+ rights, remedies, or penalties established under other laws, or to
+ limit the ability of any other person or entity to pursue enforcement
+ of rights, remedies, or penalties established under other laws,
+ including, but not limited to:

+ (1) Obligations of employers under Section 2802 of the Labor
+ Code.

+ (2) Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 2775) of Chapter 2
+ of Division 3 of the Labor Code.

+ (3) The Unfair Competition Law (Chapter 5 (commencing with
+ Section 17200)).

+ *SEC. 2. Section 926 of the Labor Code is amended to read:*

+ 926. (a) A contract or contract term that violates Section 16608
+ of the Business and Professions Code is void as contrary to public
+ policy only if entered into on or after January 1, ~~2026~~. 2027.

+ (b) A worker who has been subjected to the conduct prohibited
+ by subdivision (b) of Section 16608 of the Business and Professions
+ Code or a worker representative may bring a civil action on behalf
+ of that worker, other persons similarly situated, or both, in any
+ court of competent jurisdiction.

+ (c) Any person found liable for a violation of this section shall
+ be liable for actual damages sustained by the worker or workers
+ on whose behalf the case is brought, or five thousand dollars
+ (\$5,000) per worker, whichever is greater, in addition to injunctive
+ relief, and reasonable attorney’s fees and costs.

+ (d) This section does not limit the remedies available to a worker
+ or other natural person specified in Section 16608 of the Business
+ and Professions Code.

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 92 of the Labor Code is amended to read:~~
2 ~~92. The Labor Commissioner and their deputies and agents~~
3 ~~may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and~~
4 ~~parties and for the production of books, papers and records;~~
5 ~~administer oaths; examine witnesses under oath; take the~~
6 ~~verification, acknowledgment, or proof of written instruments;~~

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Page 1 7 ~~and take depositions and affidavits in order to carry out the~~
Page 2 1 ~~provisions of this code and all laws which the division is to enforce.~~

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**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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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.