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Monday, August 17, 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: 8/14/2026
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

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

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

08/17/2026

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>HR 137</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 138</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 142</u>	RLS.
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House Resolution

No. 137

Introduced by Assembly Members Patel and Kalra

August 13, 2026

House Resolution No. 137—Relative to Diwali.

1 WHEREAS, Diwali, a festival of great significance to Indian
2 Americans and South Asian Americans, is celebrated annually by
3 Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains throughout the United States,
4 and across the globe; and

5 WHEREAS, Diwali or Deepavali, which means “a row of
6 lamps,” is one of the world’s oldest holidays that brings families,
7 friends, and communities together for a celebration of generosity,
8 unity, joy, appreciation, and a time of reflection; and

9 WHEREAS, Diwali, commonly referred to as the Festival of
10 Lights, is a time when homes are brightened with candles, oil
11 lanterns, and clay lamps and the skies are filled with firecrackers
12 to show respect for good health, wealth, knowledge, peace, and
13 prosperity; and

14 WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep significance as the lamps
15 represent the defeat of darkness and the victory of light; Diwali is
16 also a significant time for families to join together to enjoy the
17 festivities and traditions that instill the idea of community for all;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Diwali is celebrated in abundantly diverse ways
20 that represent the triumph of good over evil, connecting to themes
21 of liberation from negativity, encouragement to overcome
22 struggles, embracing positivity and humility, and upholding
23 kindness despite personal challenges; and

1 WHEREAS, Diwali falls on Sunday, November 8 this year and
2 will be celebrated across the diaspora of Indian Americans and
3 South Asian Americans, marking the beginning of the New Year
4 for many; and

5 WHEREAS, Diwali celebrants embrace this holiday by honoring
6 centuries-old traditions that connect to their culture and history,
7 such as buying jewelry, cleaning and adorning their homes, and
8 decorating beautiful rangolis to welcome prosperity, stability, and
9 abundance; and

10 WHEREAS, Traditions of sharing a meal and dancing and
11 singing in a parade create a deep sense of community in a
12 celebration of truth, justice, duty, and family, encapsulating the
13 meaning of courage, justice, and standing for one's principles to
14 have freedom from suffering; and

15 WHEREAS, For those who celebrate, Diwali is a time to commit
16 to knowledge, growth, and happiness; it is a time to reflect,
17 signifying the importance of wisdom, kindness, and transformation;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In 2025, the State of California enacted Chapter
20 358 of the Statutes of 2025, designating Diwali as an official state
21 holiday to formally recognize the cultural significance of Diwali
22 for all Californians who celebrate, embracing the diversity that
23 enriches our state; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
25 Assembly recognizes this year's Diwali festival on Sunday,
26 November 8, 2026, and encourages Californians to take part in
27 this joyous day of celebration; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes the cultural significance
29 of Diwali and, in observance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights,
30 expresses its deepest respect for Indian Americans and the Indian
31 diaspora here in California and throughout the world on this
32 prominent occasion; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 137 (Patel) – As Introduced August 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Diwali.

SUMMARY: Recognizes this year’s Diwali festival on Sunday, November 8, 2026, encourages Californians to take part in this joyous day of celebration, and recognizes the cultural significance of Diwali. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Diwali, commonly referred to as the Festival of Lights, is a time when homes are brightened with candles, oil lanterns, and clay lamps, and the skies are filled with firecrackers to show respect for good health, wealth, knowledge, peace, and prosperity.
- 2) Diwali or Deepavali, which means “a row of lamps,” is one of the world’s oldest holidays that brings families, friends, and communities together for a celebration of generosity, unity, joy, appreciation, and a time of reflection.
- 3) Diwali falls on Sunday, November 8 this year and will be celebrated across the diaspora of Indian Americans and South Asian Americans, marking the beginning of the New Year for many.
- 4) Diwali, a festival of great significance to Indian Americans and South Asian Americans, is celebrated annually by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains throughout the United States, and across the globe.
- 5) Diwali holds deep significance as the lamps represent the defeat of darkness and the victory of light; Diwali is also a significant time for families to join together to enjoy the festivities and traditions that instill the idea of community for all.
- 6) Diwali is celebrated in abundantly diverse ways that represent the triumph of good over evil, connecting to themes of liberation from negativity, encouragement to overcome struggles, embracing positivity and humility, and upholding kindness despite personal challenges.
- 7) Traditions of sharing a meal and dancing and singing in a parade create a deep sense of community in a celebration of truth, justice, duty, and family, encapsulating the meaning of courage, justice, and standing for one’s principles to have freedom from suffering.
- 8) For those who celebrate, Diwali is a time to commit to knowledge, growth, and happiness; it is a time to reflect, signifying the importance of wisdom, kindness, and transformation.
- 9) In 2025, the State of California enacted Chapter 358 of the Statutes of 2025, designating Diwali as an official state holiday to formally recognize the cultural significance of Diwali for all Californians who celebrate, embracing the diversity that enriches our state.

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. 138

Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry

August 13, 2026

House Resolution No. 138—Relative to National 4-H Week.

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, This year, the National 4-H Week theme is
17 “Beyond Ready” and reminds us that 4-H is building a ready
18 generation in a world of change and is equipping young people
19 with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Expanding from its strong agricultural roots, 4-H
22 helps young people explore the world around them and grow into
23 productive adults; and

1 WHEREAS, Supporting future leaders in science, agriculture,
2 and community leadership is an important imperative for the United
3 States Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and
4 Agriculture 4-H program; and

5 WHEREAS, The network of youth members, volunteers, and
6 leaders will celebrate National 4-H Week during the week of
7 October 4 through October 10, 2026, inclusive; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
10 Legislature Assembly supports the designation of October 4
11 through October 10, 2026, inclusive, as National 4-H weeks
12 throughout California, and encourages all our citizens to recognize
13 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make
14 by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a
15 lifetime; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 138 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced August 13, 2026

SUBJECT: National 4-H Week.

SUMMARY: Designates October 4 through October 10, 2026, as National 4-H Week throughout California; and, encourages Californians to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States, supporting nearly six million young people across the country, and has young people throughout California in enrollment.
- 2) 4-H helps young people become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders.
- 3) 4-H is delivered by the Cooperative Extension, a community of more than 100 land-grant universities across the United States that provides experiences for young people to learn through hands-on projects in the important areas of health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement.
- 4) California 4-H is delivered by the University of California Cooperative Extension, a research and education program of the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- 5) This year, the National 4-H Week theme is “Beyond Ready” and reminds us that 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and is equipping young people with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.
- 6) Supporting future leaders in science, agriculture, and community leadership is an important imperative for the United States Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture 4-H program.

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 Becker
(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Grayson, Hurtado, Niello, and Wahab)

March 10, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 142—Relative to March4Water Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 142, as introduced, Becker. March4Water Month.

This measure would declare the month of March 2026 to be March4Water Month in California and would encourage all residents, businesses, and local leaders to participate in activities and programs that promote water efficiency, support workforce development in the water sector, and prioritize water solutions as essential investments in the state’s economic future.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Water is essential for sustaining life, promoting
2 public health, and driving economic prosperity, serving as the
3 foundation for thriving communities in California; and
4 WHEREAS, Communities across America face the dual
5 challenge of aging water infrastructure and growing demand,
6 requiring innovative solutions that balance affordability, public
7 health protection, and economic development; and
8 WHEREAS, Water efficiency measures are typically the most
9 affordable way to meet local water needs, with homes offering
10 water savings potential of 250 to 1,500 gallons per dwelling
11 annually through fixture upgrades and system improvements; and

1 WHEREAS, Right-sizing plumbing systems can save up to
2 \$190,000 on multifamily construction projects and \$5,000 per
3 single-family home, directly addressing housing affordability while
4 reducing water demand; and

5 WHEREAS, Water reuse systems, including graywater,
6 blackwater, and rainwater catchment, can expand community water
7 supply, protect drinking water sources, and reduce strain on
8 wastewater treatment infrastructure; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately one-third of the water infrastructure
10 workforce will be eligible to retire in the next 10 years and with
11 an estimated 44,000 annual openings projected for plumbers,
12 pipefitters, and steamfitters nationwide, there is a critical need for
13 skilled professionals trained in both traditional plumbing and
14 emerging water efficiency technologies; and

15 WHEREAS, California employs approximately 42,000
16 plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters, representing a vital segment
17 of the state's skilled workforce essential for implementing water
18 solutions that build community resilience; and

19 WHEREAS, The month of March provides a unique opportunity
20 to align local efforts with global water innovation movements,
21 such as World Plumbing Day on March 11 and World Water Day
22 on March 22, to highlight sustainable management of water
23 resources and the critical role of plumbing systems in public health
24 and safety; and

25 WHEREAS, The International Association of Plumbing and
26 Mechanical Officials, the world's leading technical expert on
27 demand-side water management, developed the Uniform Plumbing
28 Code that serves as the basis for effective plumbing systems in
29 California, established March4Water Month in 2023 to advocate
30 for secure and sustainable water systems, and is marking its
31 centennial anniversary in 2026; and

32 WHEREAS, March4Water Month serves as a platform for
33 communities to raise awareness about water efficiency solutions,
34 workforce development, and investments in infrastructure that
35 support economic growth and community resilience; now,
36 therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares the month
39 of March 2026 to be March4Water Month in California; and be it
40 further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all residents,
2 businesses, and local leaders to participate in activities and
3 programs that promote water efficiency, support workforce
4 development in the water sector, and prioritize water solutions as
5 essential investments in the state’s economic future; and be it
6 further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 142 (Becker) – As Introduced March 10, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: March4Water Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of March 2026 to be March4Water Month in California; and, encourages all residents, businesses, and local leaders to participate in activities and programs that promote water efficiency, support workforce development in the water sector, and prioritize water solutions as essential investments in the state's economic future. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Water is essential for sustaining life, promoting public health, and driving economic prosperity, serving as the foundation for thriving communities in California.
- 2) Communities across America face the dual challenge of aging water infrastructure and growing demand, requiring innovative solutions that balance affordability, public health protection, and economic development.
- 3) Water efficiency measures are typically the most affordable way to meet local water needs, with homes offering water savings potential of 250 to 1,500 gallons per dwelling annually through fixture upgrades and system improvements.
- 4) The month of March provides a unique opportunity to align local efforts with global water innovation movements, such as World Plumbing Day on March 11 and World Water Day on March 22, to highlight sustainable management of water resources and the critical role of plumbing systems in public health and safety.
- 5) March4Water Month serves as a platform for communities to raise awareness about water efficiency solutions, workforce development, and investments in infrastructure that support economic growth and community 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

Introduced by Senator Grayson

June 15, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 186—Relative to Thriving Families CA Foundation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 186, as introduced, Grayson. Thriving Families CA Foundation.
This measure would recognize the Thriving Families CA Foundation’s upcoming 50th anniversary.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California’s economic vitality depends on the
2 ability of working families to access affordable, reliable, and
3 high-quality childcare and early learning services; and
4 WHEREAS, In 1976, California began a pioneering effort to
5 expand access to childcare through community-based solutions
6 designed to meet the diverse needs of families across the state;
7 and
8 WHEREAS, That vision led to the creation of alternative
9 payment programs and a statewide network of community-based
10 organizations dedicated to supporting parental choice, family
11 stability, workforce participation, and child development; and
12 WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, this network has
13 evolved into a trusted system of family-focused partners serving
14 communities in all 58 counties, connecting families to childcare,
15 workforce supports, family resources, and opportunities that
16 strengthen economic mobility and well-being; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, community-based childcare organizations
2 support more than 261,000 children through California's
3 Alternative Payment and CalWORKs childcare programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Community-based childcare organizations also
5 play a vital role in helping parents work, pursue education and
6 training, and contribute to the state's economy; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite significant progress, approximately 1.8
8 million income-eligible children remain without access to
9 subsidized childcare, underscoring the ongoing need for strong
10 advocacy and policies that expand opportunity for working
11 families; and

12 WHEREAS, The Thriving Families CA Foundation has served
13 as the statewide voice for these community-based organizations,
14 advancing policies that strengthen families, increase access to
15 childcare, support parental choice, and ensure that public
16 investments effectively reach children and families; and

17 WHEREAS, The Thriving Families CA Foundation has helped
18 transform California's childcare system into one that recognizes
19 childcare as essential family support infrastructure and a critical
20 component of the state's economic success through collaboration,
21 advocacy, education, and leadership; and

22 WHEREAS, The Thriving Families CA Foundation's work
23 reflects a commitment to ensuring that every family, regardless of
24 geography, income, or circumstance, has the opportunity to access
25 the services and supports needed to thrive; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the California State Legislature recognizes
28 the Thriving Families CA Foundation for its longstanding
29 leadership and advocacy on behalf of California's children and
30 working families; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends the Thriving Families
32 CA Foundation for its role in strengthening a statewide network
33 of community-based, family-focused organizations that support
34 parents, promote economic opportunity, and contribute to the
35 vitality of California's communities and economy; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the Thriving Families
37 CA Foundation's upcoming 50th Anniversary in 2027, and
38 celebrates five decades of partnership, innovation, and service
39 dedicated to helping California families thrive; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 186 (Grayson) – As Introduced June 15, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Thriving Families CA Foundation.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the Thriving Families CA Foundation's upcoming 50th Anniversary in 2027; and, commends the Thriving Families CA Foundation for its role in strengthening a statewide network of community-based, family-focused organizations that support parents, promote economic opportunity, and contribute to the vitality of California's communities and economy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California's economic vitality depends on the ability of working families to access affordable, reliable, and high-quality childcare and early learning services.
- 2) In 1976, California began a pioneering effort to expand access to childcare through community-based solutions designed to meet the diverse needs of families across the state. That vision led to the creation of alternative payment programs and a statewide network of community-based organizations dedicated to supporting parental choice, family stability, workforce participation, and child development.
- 3) Over the past five decades, this network has evolved into a trusted system of family-focused partners serving communities in all 58 counties, connecting families to childcare, workforce supports, family resources, and opportunities that strengthen economic mobility and well-being.
- 4) Today, community-based childcare organizations support more than 261,000 children through California's Alternative Payment and CalWORKs childcare programs. Community-based childcare organizations also play a vital role in helping parents work, pursue education and training, and contribute to the state's economy.
- 5) Despite significant progress, approximately 1.8 million income-eligible children remain without access to subsidized childcare, underscoring the ongoing need for strong advocacy and policies that expand opportunity for working families.
- 6) The Thriving Families CA Foundation has helped transform California's childcare system into one that recognizes childcare as essential family support infrastructure and a critical component of the state's economic success through collaboration, advocacy, education, and leadership.
- 7) The Thriving Families CA Foundation's work reflects a commitment to ensuring that every family, regardless of geography, income, or circumstance, has the opportunity to access the services and supports needed to thrive.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Pérez

June 17, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 188—Relative to Electronic Dance Music Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 188, as introduced, Pérez. Electronic Dance Music Month.
This measure would declare the month of June 2026 as Electronic Dance Music Month.
Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Electronic dance music, or “EDM,” traces its roots
2 back to the 1970s with the rise of disco and the innovative use of
3 synthesizers in popular music; and
4 WHEREAS, EDM encompasses a wide array of subgenres,
5 including, but not limited to, disco, synthpop, techno, house, trance,
6 drum and bass, dubstep, trap, hardstyle, and many more; and
7 WHEREAS, EDM is a vibrant and inclusive musical form that
8 brings people of all backgrounds together on the dance floor; and
9 WHEREAS, EDM concerts are dynamic gatherings where the
10 music, lights, and community come together in celebration; and
11 WHEREAS, Attendees of these events are the heart of the EDM
12 movement, and are known for their passion, creativity, and
13 expressive fashion; and
14 WHEREAS, EDM culture is rooted in the core values of Peace,
15 Love, Unity, and Respect, commonly abbreviated as “PLUR”; and
16 WHEREAS, Peace represents the elimination of conflict and
17 the embrace of harmony; and

1 WHEREAS, Love is shared through acts of kindness and
2 goodwill; and
3 WHEREAS, Unity invites all people into the community
4 regardless of background, identity, or differences; and
5 WHEREAS, Respect is shown through empathy, acceptance,
6 and treating others as one wishes to be treated; and
7 WHEREAS, These values reflect the spirit of California, a state
8 that celebrates diversity, inclusion, and creative expression; and
9 WHEREAS, California is home to some of the world's most
10 iconic EDM festivals, hosted in cities across the state, including
11 the Cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose,
12 San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Palm Springs, Coachella, and across
13 the North Coast region; and
14 WHEREAS, These festivals not only serve as cultural
15 landmarks, but also generate millions of dollars in economic impact
16 for local communities and the state; now, therefore, be it
17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
19 profound cultural, social, and economic impact of EDM on the
20 lives of Californians; and be it further
21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby declares the month of
22 June 2026 as Electronic Dance Music Month; and be it further
23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 188 (Pérez) – As Introduced June 17, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Electronic Dance Music Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of June 2026 as Electronic Dance Music Month; and, recognizes the profound cultural, social, and economic impact of electronic dance music on the lives of Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Electronic dance music, or “EDM,” traces its roots back to the 1970s with the rise of disco and the innovative use of synthesizers in popular music.
- 2) EDM encompasses a wide array of subgenres, including, but not limited to, disco, synthpop, techno, house, trance, drum and bass, dubstep, trap, hardstyle, and many more.
- 3) EDM is a vibrant and inclusive musical form that brings people of all backgrounds together on the dance floor. EDM concerts are dynamic gatherings where the music, lights, and community come together in celebration.
- 4) EDM culture is rooted in the core values of Peace, Love, Unity, and Respect, commonly abbreviated as “PLUR”. Peace represents the elimination of conflict and the embrace of harmony. Love is shared through acts of kindness and goodwill. Unity invites all people into the community regardless of background, identity, or differences. Respect is shown through empathy, acceptance, and treating others as one wishes to be treated.
- 5) California is home to some of the world’s most iconic EDM festivals, hosted in cities across the state, including the Cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Palm Springs, Coachella, and across the North Coast region. These festivals not only serve as cultural landmarks, but also generate millions of dollars in economic impact for local communities and the state.

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 Seyarto

July 2, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 191—Relative to California
Emergency Preparedness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 191, as introduced, Seyarto. California Emergency Preparedness
Month.

This measure would proclaim September 2026 as California
Emergency Preparedness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month
2 is the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s national annual
3 preparedness outreach; and

4 WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month aims to educate and
5 empower Americans during outreach to prepare for and respond
6 to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and
7 manmade emergencies; and

8 WHEREAS, California has experienced a significant increase
9 over the last decade in emergency situations that require individuals
10 to prepare in advance; and

11 WHEREAS, These disasters include wildfires, earthquakes,
12 snowstorms, floods, mudslides, and other occurrences that can
13 leave Californians without power, food, or other essential items
14 for days; and

15 WHEREAS, As a result of these emergencies and disasters,
16 hundreds of thousands of people have been subject to mandatory
17 evacuations; and

1 WHEREAS, It is vital that residents and all levels of government
 2 have comprehensive plans in place before an emergency or natural
 3 disaster occurs; and
 4 WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month focuses on plans
 5 that include access to adequate shelter, reserves of food and water,
 6 backup power for communication devices, plans for pets, and
 7 access to transportation; and
 8 WHEREAS, September is celebrated as National Preparedness
 9 Month; now, therefore, be it
 10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
 11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
 12 month of September 2026 as California Emergency Preparedness
 13 Month; and be it further
 14 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages Californians to
 15 acknowledge the importance of planning for emergencies to protect
 16 themselves and their families; and be it further
 17 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
 18 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 191 (Seyarto) – As Introduced July 2, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: California Emergency Preparedness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of September 2026 as California Emergency Preparedness Month; and, encourages Californians to acknowledge the importance of planning for emergencies to protect themselves and their families. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month is the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s national annual preparedness outreach.
- 2) National Preparedness Month aims to educate and empower Americans during outreach to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and manmade emergencies.
- 3) California has experienced a significant increase over the last decade in emergency situations that require individuals to prepare in advance. These disasters include wildfires, earthquakes, snowstorms, floods, mudslides, and other occurrences that can leave Californians without power, food, or other essential items for days.
- 4) As a result of these emergencies and disasters, hundreds of thousands of people have been subject to mandatory evacuations.
- 5) It is vital that residents and all levels of government have comprehensive plans in place before an emergency or natural disaster occurs.
- 6) National Preparedness Month focuses on plans that include access to adequate shelter, reserves of food and water, backup power for communication devices, plans for pets, and access to transportation.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 3, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 192

**Introduced by Senator Stern
(Coauthors: Senators Blakespear and Gonzalez)**

July 2, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 192—Relative to open water lifeguards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 192, as amended, Stern. Open water lifeguards.

This measure would recognize open water lifeguards as first responders, in acknowledgment of their essential role in emergency response, public safety, and drowning prevention, as provided. ~~The measure would urge all California public agencies employing open water lifeguards to formally recognize them as first responders in their training frameworks, emergency planning documents, and mutual-aid agreements, as provided.~~

Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California’s open water lifeguards, employed by
2 various cities, counties, fire departments, harbor districts, park
3 districts, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and others, serve
4 and protect beaches and lakes across the state and conduct aquatic
5 rescues, respond to medical emergencies and traffic collisions,
6 execute tactical extrications, and more, all of which fall under the
7 tenets of a first responder classification; and
8 WHEREAS, The United States Lifesaving Association and the
9 California Surf Lifesaving Association document that, based on
10 statistics from 46 reporting California lifeguard agencies over the

1 past 26 years from 2000 to 2025, inclusive, California’s open water
2 lifeguards have protected more than 4,500,000,000 patrons and
3 performed an astounding 96,022,795 preventative actions or
4 mitigating incidents, and effected 1,400,585 rescues; and

5 WHEREAS, Open water lifeguards are frequently the first
6 responders on scene, in addition to operating in tandem alongside
7 peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, to
8 protect life, secure scenes, and preserve public safety until
9 additional responders arrive; and

10 WHEREAS, The duties of open water lifeguards extend beyond
11 aquatic rescue and include responding to emergencies on land,
12 including cardiac arrests, traumatic injuries, and motor vehicle
13 collisions occurring on or near beaches, parks, and public
14 roadways; and

15 WHEREAS, Open water lifeguards undergo rigorous and
16 continuous training, including high-performance cardiopulmonary
17 resuscitation, automated external defibrillator use, emergency
18 medical response, advanced rescue techniques, rescue watercraft
19 operations, and emergency scene management; and

20 WHEREAS, Open water lifeguards respond to emergencies by
21 attending to, treating, assisting, and transporting victims, which
22 collectively satisfy the four defined duties of an emergency
23 response employee under Section 300ff-133 of Title 42 of the
24 United States Code; and

25 WHEREAS, Open water lifeguards not only protect human life
26 but also safeguard property, preserve evidence, and protect the
27 environment, which together represent the four core tenets
28 commonly used to define a first responder; and

29 WHEREAS, In the performance of their duties, open water
30 lifeguards routinely place themselves at significant risk to their
31 own lives and physical safety in dynamic and hazardous ocean,
32 surf, and shoreline environments; and

33 WHEREAS, Lifeguards have given their lives in the line of duty
34 protecting the public on California’s neighboring coastlines,
35 including Newport Beach ocean lifeguard Ben Carlson, who died
36 on July 6, 2014, while rescuing a distressed swimmer, a sacrifice
37 memorialized by the Ben Carlson Memorial and Scholarship
38 Foundation and honored by the lifesaving community statewide;
39 and

1 WHEREAS, In April 2026, the State of Hawaii adopted SR 54
2 and HR 42 recognizing open water lifeguards as first responders,
3 with zero dissenting committee votes; and

4 WHEREAS, The California Water Safety Coalition's California
5 Water Safety Strategy identifies lifeguards as a critical layer of
6 protection in drowning prevention and establishes an explicit
7 priority to create sustainable and adaptable systems for the
8 lifeguard workforce in California; ~~now, therefore, be it and~~

9 *WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the value of all*
10 *California public agencies employing open water lifeguards,*
11 *including, but not limited to, cities, counties, fire departments,*
12 *harbor and port districts, park districts, and the Department of*
13 *Parks and Recreation, formally recognizing open water lifeguards*
14 *as first responders in their training frameworks, emergency*
15 *planning documents, and mutual aid agreements, commensurate*
16 *with the scope and gravity of the duties those lifeguards perform;*
17 *now, therefore, be it*

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California*
20 *hereby formally recognizes professional open water lifeguards,*
21 *including, but not limited to, ocean lifeguards, lake lifeguards, and*
22 *all nonsworn open water lifeguard personnel employed by state,*
23 *county, municipal, and district agencies throughout California, as*
24 *first responders in acknowledgment of their essential role in*
25 *emergency response, public safety, and drowning prevention; and*
26 *be it further*

27 ~~*Resolved, That the Legislature urges all California public*~~
28 ~~*agencies employing open water lifeguards, including but not*~~
29 ~~*limited to cities, counties, fire departments, harbor and port*~~
30 ~~*districts, park districts, and the Department of Parks and*~~
31 ~~*Recreation, to formally recognize open water lifeguards as first*~~
32 ~~*responders in their training frameworks, emergency planning*~~
33 ~~*documents, and mutual aid agreements, commensurate with the*~~
34 ~~*scope and gravity of the duties those lifeguards perform; and be*~~
35 ~~*it further*~~

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

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 192 (Stern) – As Amended August 3, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Open water lifeguards.

SUMMARY: Recognizes open water lifeguards as first responders, in acknowledgment of their essential role in emergency response, public safety, and drowning prevention. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California’s open water lifeguards, employed by various cities, counties, fire departments, harbor districts, park districts, the Department of Parks and Recreation, serve and protect beaches and lakes across the state and conduct aquatic rescues, respond to medical emergencies and traffic collisions, and execute tactical extrications, all of which fall under the tenets of a first responder classification.
- 2) Open water lifeguards are frequently the first responders on scene, in addition to operating in tandem alongside peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, to protect life, secure scenes, and preserve public safety until additional responders arrive.
- 3) The duties of open water lifeguards extend beyond aquatic rescue and include responding to emergencies on land, including cardiac arrests, traumatic injuries, and motor vehicle collisions occurring on or near beaches, parks, and public roadways.
- 4) Open water lifeguards undergo rigorous and continuous training, including high-performance cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external defibrillator use, emergency medical response, advanced rescue techniques, rescue watercraft operations, and emergency scene management.
- 5) Open water lifeguards not only protect human life but also safeguard property, preserve evidence, and protect the environment, which together represent the four core tenets commonly used to define a first responder. In the performance of their duties, open water lifeguards routinely place themselves at significant risk to their own lives and physical safety in dynamic and hazardous ocean, surf, and shoreline environments.
- 6) The California Water Safety Coalition’s California Water Safety Strategy identifies lifeguards as a critical layer of protection in drowning prevention and establishes an explicit priority to create sustainable and adaptable systems for the lifeguard workforce in 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

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 10, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 195

Introduced by Senators Reyes and Pérez
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Fong)

August 5, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 195—Relative to Student Financial Aid Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 195, as amended, Reyes. Student Financial Aid Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize the month of October each year as Student Financial Aid Awareness Month on California high school, college, and university campuses. The measure would encourage secondary and postsecondary educational institutions to promote financial aid awareness, as specified. The measure would provide that the Student Aid Commission supports specified persons to work together to increase student participation in financial aid programs and to ensure students receive clear, timely, and accessible information about student financial aid programs and that special attention be given to reaching students who may face additional barriers to accessing financial aid, as specified. Month, and that it is important to increase student participation in financial aid programs to ensure that students receive clear, timely, and accessible information about application requirements, deadlines, and available resources.

Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.

1 WHEREAS, Higher education remains one of the most powerful
2 pathways to opportunity, economic mobility, civic engagement,
3 and individual achievement; and

4 WHEREAS, California's future depends upon the ability of
5 students from every region, background, income level, and
6 community to pursue higher education and training beyond high
7 school; and

8 WHEREAS, The Student Aid Commission is responsible for
9 promoting education equity by making postsecondary education
10 financially accessible and affordable for all Californians, which
11 includes removing communication and awareness barriers for
12 students and families, particularly first-generations students,
13 low-income students, foster youth, student parents, veterans, adult
14 learners, and students from historically underserved communities;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Completing the California Dream Act application
17 or Free Application for Federal Student Aid provides access to
18 grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and other forms of
19 financial assistance and allows students to enroll in college, remain
20 enrolled, complete their educational goals, and enter the workforce
21 better prepared to contribute to the state's prosperity; and

22 WHEREAS, Many students who are eligible for financial aid
23 do not receive all available assistance because they are unaware
24 of the programs that exist, are uncertain about how to apply, or
25 need additional guidance in completing financial aid applications
26 and related requirements; and

27 WHEREAS, Timely and accurate information about financial
28 aid is essential to helping students and families make informed
29 decisions about college, career training, and other postsecondary
30 opportunities; and

31 WHEREAS, High schools, colleges, universities, financial aid
32 professionals, counselors, administrators, faculty, community
33 organizations, student leaders, and families all play an important
34 role in increasing awareness of financial aid opportunities and
35 supporting students through the application process; and

36 WHEREAS, California has demonstrated a strong and continued
37 commitment to student financial aid through programs and policies
38 designed to expand access to higher education and reduce unmet
39 financial need; and

1 WHEREAS, Recognizing Student Financial Aid Awareness
2 Month provides an opportunity to encourage students to learn
3 about available financial aid, complete required applications, meet
4 important deadlines, and seek assistance when needed; and

5 WHEREAS, The observance of Student Financial Aid
6 Awareness Month affirms California's commitment to education
7 access, equity, affordability, and student success; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the month of*
11 *October each year is recognized as Student Financial Aid*
12 *Awareness Month on California high school, college, and*
13 *university campuses; Month, and that it is important to increase*
14 *student participation in financial aid programs to ensure that*
15 *students receive clear, timely, and accessible information about*
16 *application requirements, deadlines, and available resources; and*
17 *be it further*

18 *Resolved, That California secondary and postsecondary*
19 *educational institutions, including public, private, nonprofit, and*
20 *private for-profit institutions, are encouraged to promote financial*
21 *aid awareness through existing outreach, workshops, counseling,*
22 *campus events, student communications, and other efforts that*
23 *help students and families understand and access available financial*
24 *aid; and be it further*

25 *Resolved, That the Student Aid Commission support school*
26 *administrators, financial aid officers, counselors, faculty, staff,*
27 *student government leaders, and community partners to work*
28 *together to increase student participation in financial aid programs*
29 *and to ensure that students receive clear, timely, and accessible*
30 *information about application requirements, deadlines, and*
31 *available resources; and be it further*

32 *Resolved, That special attention be given to reaching students*
33 *who may face additional barriers to accessing financial aid,*
34 *including first-generation college students, low-income students,*
35 *foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, students with*
36 *disabilities, student parents, veterans, adult learners, and students*
37 *from rural or underserved communities; and be it further*

38 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
39 *this resolution to the Student Aid Commission, the California*
40 *Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the*

1 Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Regents of the University
2 of California, the Trustees of the California State University, the
3 Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the
4 Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities,
5 the University of California Student Association, the Cal State
6 Student Association, the Student Senate for California Community
7 Colleges, and appropriate associations representing private
8 postsecondary educational institutions.

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 195 (Reyes) – As Amended August 10, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Student Financial Aid Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of October each year as Student Financial Aid Awareness Month to increase student participation in financial aid programs to ensure that students receive clear, timely, and accessible information about application requirements, deadlines, and available resources. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Higher education remains one of the most powerful pathways to opportunity, economic mobility, civic engagement, and individual achievement. California’s future depends upon the ability of students from every region, background, income level, and community to pursue higher education and training beyond high school.
- 2) The Student Aid Commission is responsible for promoting education equity by making postsecondary education financially accessible and affordable for all Californians, which includes removing communication and awareness barriers for students and families, particularly first-generation students, low-income students, foster youth, student parents, veterans, adult learners, and students from historically underserved communities.
- 3) Completing the California Dream Act application or Free Application for Federal Student Aid provides access to grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and other forms of financial assistance, and allows students to enroll in college, remain enrolled, complete their educational goals, and enter the workforce better prepared to contribute to the state’s prosperity.
- 4) Many students who are eligible for financial aid do not receive all available assistance because they are unaware of the programs that exist, are uncertain about how to apply, or need additional guidance in completing financial aid applications and related requirements.
- 5) Recognizing Student Financial Aid Awareness Month provides an opportunity to encourage students to learn about available financial aid, complete required applications, meet important deadlines, and seek assistance when needed.
- 6) The observance of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month affirms California’s commitment to education access, equity, affordability, and student success.

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 Limón and Assembly Member Rivas

August 6, 2026

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 196—Relative to the Judicial Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 196, as introduced, Limón. Judicial Council: 100th anniversary. This measure would commemorate the Judicial Council’s 100th anniversary.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1926, Californians established what is now
2 known as the Judicial Council to bring greater consistency, fairness,
3 and public service to the state’s courts, beginning a century of
4 judicial branch governance and leadership to advance the statewide
5 administration of justice; and
6 WHEREAS, In its early decades, the Judicial Council confronted
7 a system that included 768 inferior courts in seven categories, and
8 guided landmark reforms that ultimately enabled voters to approve
9 voluntary trial court unification. By 2001, all 58 counties had
10 operating single superior courts; and
11 WHEREAS, To promote stable and equitable court funding
12 across counties, the Judicial Council’s longstanding advocacy led
13 to the Lockyer-Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997, which
14 consolidated trial court funding at the state level; and
15 WHEREAS, The Judicial Council supported transformative
16 governance changes, including the 2000 Trial Court Employment
17 Protection and Governance Act, which transitioned approximately

1 17,000 court employees from county to superior court employment;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Judicial Council also supported the Trial Court
4 Facilities Act of 2002, which shifted responsibility for more than
5 450 court facilities to the judicial branch and subsequently helped
6 launch one of the largest courthouse construction programs in state
7 history; and

8 WHEREAS, In the new century, the Judicial Council has
9 strengthened transparency and accountability with an emphasis
10 on improving statewide court data collection and analysis across
11 all areas of court operations. By approving an open meetings rule,
12 the Judicial Council has expanded public access to its advisory
13 body meetings; and

14 WHEREAS, The Judicial Council has expanded access to justice
15 by supporting myriad other judicial administration programs and
16 services, including the establishment of more than 400
17 collaborative justice programs, creation of self-help centers in all
18 58 counties, and implementation of a statewide Language Access
19 Plan to broaden interpreter services and multilingual resources,
20 among other initiatives; and

21 WHEREAS, Working closely with the Legislature, the Judicial
22 Council continues to improve the court user experience through
23 innovations and partnerships that promote fairness, clarity, and
24 consistency statewide; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors and commemorates
27 the Judicial Council's 100th anniversary; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the authors for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 196 (Limón, Rivas) – As Introduced August 6, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Judicial Council: 100th anniversary.

SUMMARY: Honors and commemorates the Judicial Council's 100th anniversary. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 1926, Californians established what is now known as the Judicial Council to bring greater consistency, fairness, and public service to the state's courts, beginning a century of judicial branch governance and leadership to advance the statewide administration of justice.
- 2) In its early decades, the Judicial Council confronted a system that included 768 inferior courts in seven categories, and guided landmark reforms that ultimately enabled voters to approve voluntary trial court unification. By 2001, all 58 counties had operating single superior courts.
- 3) To promote stable and equitable court funding across counties, the Judicial Council's longstanding advocacy led to the Lockyer-Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997, which consolidated trial court funding at the state level.
- 4) The Judicial Council supported transformative governance changes, including the 2000 Trial Court Employment Protection and Governance Act, which transitioned approximately 17,000 court employees from county to superior court employment.
- 5) The Judicial Council also supported the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002, which shifted responsibility for more than 450 court facilities to the judicial branch and subsequently helped launch one of the largest courthouse construction programs in state history.
- 6) In the new century, the Judicial Council has strengthened transparency and accountability with an emphasis on improving statewide court data collection and analysis across all areas of court operations. By approving an open meetings rule, the Judicial Council has expanded public access to its advisory body meetings.
- 7) The Judicial Council has expanded access to justice by supporting myriad other judicial administration programs and services, including the establishment of more than 400 collaborative justice programs, creation of self-help centers in all 58 counties, and implementation of a statewide Language Access Plan to broaden interpreter services and multilingual resources, among other initiatives.
- 8) Working closely with the Legislature, the Judicial Council continues to improve the court user experience through innovations and partnerships that promote fairness, clarity, and consistency statewide.

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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August 13th, 2026

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

RE: Urgency Request for SB 344 (Weber Pierson)

Dear Chair Pacheco,

I write to respectfully request the inclusion of an urgency clause to SB 344.

As amended, SB 344 would deem the *Midway Rising Specific Plan Subsequent Environmental Impact Report* to be in full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA.

In order to promote the swift and deliberate development of affordable housing in the City of San Diego, an urgency clause is needed for this measure.

If you have any questions, please contact my Legislative Director, Elizabeth Bojorquez, at 916-651-4039 or elizabeth.bojorquez@sen.ca.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Akilah Weber Pierson", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Senator Weber Pierson, 39th Senate District

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 344

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 20, 2025

SENATE BILL

No. 344

Introduced by Senator Weber Pierson
(Coauthor: Senator Padilla)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Ward)

February 12, 2025



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Amendment 1

~~An act to amend Section 7117 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to human remains. An act to add Section 21080.77 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

Amendment 2

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 344, as amended, Weber Pierson. ~~Disposition of human remains: scattering at sea. California Environmental Quality Act: City of San Diego: mixed-use development project.~~

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment.

This bill would provide that a specified City of San Diego's environmental impact report for a mixed-use development project,

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known as the Midway Rising project, shall be sufficient for full compliance with CEQA and shall be final and conclusive for purposes of the implementation of the Midway Rising project, as provided.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of San Diego.

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

~~Existing law provides for the disposition of human remains and makes specified acts relating to human remains, including improperly disposing of human remains, a crime. Existing law authorizes cremated remains or hydrolyzed human remains to be taken by boat from any harbor in this state, or by air, and scattered at sea. Existing law defines the phrase "at sea" to include the inland navigable waters of this state, exclusive of lakes and streams, provided that no such scattering may take place within 500 yards of the shoreline. Existing law specifies that these provisions do not allow the scattering of cremated human remains or hydrolyzed human remains from a bridge or pier.~~

~~This bill would additionally specify that these provisions do not allow the scattering of cremated human remains or hydrolyzed human remains from a dock attached to the shore. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no. State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.

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

- + SECTION 1. Section 21080.77 is added to the Public Resources
- + Code, to read:
- + 21080.77. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- + following:
- + (1) The City of San Diego has approved, or may approve, a
- + mixed-use development project known as the Midway Rising
- + project, consisting of approximately 4,254 new homes, of which
- + 2,000 are deed-restricted affordable homes at or below 80 percent
- + of area median income, up to 130,000 square feet of commercial

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- + *uses, approximately 14.5 acres of public parks and open space,*
- + *and a new 16,000-seat multipurpose entertainment center.*
- + *(2) The scale of the Midway Rising project makes the project*
- + *one of the largest mixed-income housing communities on the west*
- + *coast and the single largest affordable housing development in*
- + *California's history.*
- + *(3) The Midway Rising project developer intends to have the*
- + *construction work performed pursuant to a project labor agreement*
- + *that would provide for the payment of prevailing wages and use*
- + *of apprentices registered in state-approved programs.*
- + *(4) In connection with the approval of the Midway Rising*
- + *project, the City of San Diego has certified, or may certify, the*
- + *Midway Rising Specific Plan Subsequent Environmental Impact*
- + *Report (SCH No. 2023120451) pursuant to this division. The City*
- + *of San Diego's Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report*
- + *imposes comprehensive mitigations to address potential*
- + *environmental impacts associated with the development of the*
- + *Midway Rising project.*
- + *(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the City of San Diego's*
- + *Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SCH No.*
- + *2023120451), described in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a), shall*
- + *be sufficient for full compliance with this division and shall be*
- + *final and conclusive for purposes of the implementation of the*
- + *Midway Rising project, as described in subdivision (a).*
- + *(c) This section shall become operative on the date the City of*
- + *San Diego certifies the Midway Rising Specific Plan Subsequent*
- + *Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2023120451) described*
- + *in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a).*
- + *SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute*
- + *is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable*
- + *within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California*
- + *Constitution because of the unique circumstances of the Midway*
- + *Rising project in the City of San Diego.*
- + *SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
- + *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
- + *the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall*
- + *go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*
- + *In order to promote the swift and deliberate development of*
- + *affordable housing in the City of San Diego, it is necessary for*
- + *this act to take effect immediately.*

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Amendment 4

Page 2 1 SECTION 1. ~~Section 7117 of the Health and Safety Code is~~
2 ~~amended to read:~~
3 ~~7117. (a) Cremated remains or hydrolyzed human remains~~
4 ~~may be taken by boat from any harbor in this state, or by air, and~~
5 ~~scattered at sea. Cremated remains or hydrolyzed human remains~~
6 ~~shall be removed from their container before the remains are~~
7 ~~scattered at sea.~~
8 ~~(b) Any person who scatters at sea, either from a boat or from~~
9 ~~the air, any cremated human remains or hydrolyzed human remains~~
10 ~~shall file with the local registrar of births and deaths in the county~~
11 ~~nearest the point where the remains were scattered, a verified~~
12 ~~statement containing the name of the deceased person, the time~~
13 ~~and place of death, the place at which the cremated remains or~~
14 ~~hydrolyzed human remains were scattered, and any other~~
15 ~~information that the local registrar of births and deaths may require.~~
16 ~~The first copy of the endorsed permit shall be filed with the local~~
17 ~~registrar of births and deaths within 10 days of disposition. The~~
18 ~~third copy shall be returned to the office of issuance.~~
19 ~~(c) For purposes of this section, the phrase "at sea" includes the~~
20 ~~inland navigable waters of this state, exclusive of lakes and streams,~~
Page 3 1 ~~provided that no such scattering may take place within 500 yards~~
2 ~~of the shoreline. This section does not allow the scattering of~~
3 ~~cremated human remains or hydrolyzed human remains from a~~
4 ~~bridge, dock attached to the shore, or pier.~~
5 ~~(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the~~
6 ~~cremated remains or hydrolyzed human remains of a deceased~~
7 ~~person may be scattered at sea as provided in this section and~~
8 ~~Section 103060.~~
9 ~~(e) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2020.~~
10 SEC. 2. ~~No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to~~
11 ~~Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because~~
12 ~~the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school~~
13 ~~district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or~~
14 ~~infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty~~
15 ~~for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of~~
16 ~~the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within~~
17 ~~the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California~~
18 ~~Constitution.~~

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SENATOR MONIQUE LIMÓN

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

August 19, 2026

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

Dear Chair Pacheco:

I would like to respectfully request permission to add an urgency clause to SB 542 (Limón). The proposed amendments to this bill would ratify a tribal amendment to the tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

An urgency clause is necessary to enhance the economic development, stability, and self-sufficiency of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, and to protect the interests of this tribe and its members, the surrounding communities, and the California public at the earliest possible time.

Thank you in advance of for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jano Dekermenjian in the Senate President pro Tempore's Policy Office at 916-651-4170.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monique Limón".

MONIQUE LIMÓN
Senate President pro Tempore
21st Senate District

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 23, 2025

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 28, 2025

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 26, 2025

SENATE BILL

No. 542



Introduced by Senator Limón

February 20, 2025

An act to ~~amend Sections 8670.28 and 8670.37.51 of, and to add Section 51014.1 to, the Government Code, relating to oil spills; add Section 12012.125 to the Government Code, relating to tribal gaming, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 542, as amended, Limón. ~~Oil spill prevention: administrator for oil spill response: duties: pipeline inspections. Tribal gaming: compact ratification.~~

Existing federal law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, provides for the negotiation and execution of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of authorizing certain types of gaming on Indian lands within a state. The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to negotiate and conclude those compacts, subject to ratification by the Legislature. Existing law expressly ratifies a number of tribal-state gaming compacts, and amendments to tribal-state gaming compacts, between the State of California and specified Indian tribes.

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The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would ratify the 2nd amendment to the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians executed on August 4, 2026. The bill would provide that, in deference to tribal sovereignty, certain actions related to this amended compact are not projects for the purposes of CEQA.

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

~~(1) The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act generally requires the administrator for oil spill response, acting at the direction of the Governor, to implement activities relating to oil spill response, including emergency drills and preparedness, and oil spill containment and cleanup, and to represent the state in any coordinated response efforts with the federal government. Existing law requires the Governor to establish a California oil spill contingency plan that provides for an integrated and effective state procedure to combat the results of major oil spills within the state and that specifies state agencies to implement the plan. Existing law requires the administrator to adopt and implement regulations governing the adequacy of oil spill contingency plans to be prepared and implemented and requires the regulations to provide for the best achievable protection of coastal and marine waters. Existing law requires these regulations to permit the development, application, and use of an oil spill contingency plan for similar vessels, pipelines, terminals, and facilities within a single company or organization, and across companies and organizations. Existing law requires these regulations to ensure, among other things, standards for determining a reasonable worst case oil spill.~~

~~This bill would, commencing January 15, 2027, and at least once every 10 years thereafter, require the administrator to solicit public input regarding the appropriateness of the reasonable worst case spill volumes for facilities and, based on this feedback, review and, as appropriate, revise the criteria and formulas for calculating reasonable worst case spill volumes to reflect the best available information, as provided.~~

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~~Under the act, the owner or operator of a facility where a spill could impact waters of the state shall apply for and obtain a certificate of financial responsibility issued by the administrator for the facility or the oil to be handled, stored, or transported by the facility.~~

~~This bill would require the administrator to publicly post a list of all applications for certificates of financial responsibility submitted by facility owners and operators on the internet website of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response. The bill would require the posting to include specified information about applicants, including reasonable worst case spill volume of the facility to be covered by the certificate and the amount of financial responsibility demonstrated. The bill would require the administrator to post this information within 7 business days of receiving an application. The bill would, commencing January 15, 2027, and at least once every 10 years thereafter, require the administrator to solicit public input regarding the appropriateness of the financial responsibility requirements for facilities and, based on this feedback, review and, as appropriate, revise the criteria and formulas for calculating the financial assurances necessary to respond to an oil spill to reflect the best available information, as provided.~~

~~(2) The Elder California Pipeline Safety Act of 1981 requires the State Fire Marshal to administer provisions regulating the inspection of intrastate pipelines used for the transportation of hazardous liquid. A violation of the act is a crime.~~

~~This bill would prohibit the restarting of an existing oil pipeline that is 6 inches or larger that has been idle, inactive, or out of service for 5 years or more without passing a spike hydrostatic testing program that meets the requirements established by the State Fire Marshal, as provided. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require these tests to be performed by a qualified testing company, as provided. The bill would require the Office of the State Fire Marshal to promulgate regulations as necessary to implement these provisions.~~

~~(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

~~Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~^{no}.~~

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

- + SECTION 1. Section 12012.125 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- + 12012.125. (a) The second amendment to the tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, executed on August 4, 2026, entered into in accordance with the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (18 U.S.C. Secs. 1166 to 1168, inclusive, and 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et seq.), is hereby ratified.
- + (b) (1) In deference to tribal sovereignty, none of the following shall be deemed a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code):
- + (A) The execution of an amendment to a tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.
- + (B) The execution of an amended tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.
- + (C) The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between a tribe and a county or city government negotiated pursuant to the express authority of, or as expressly referenced in, an amended tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.
- + (D) The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between a tribe and the Department of Transportation, or other state agency, negotiated pursuant to the express authority of, or as expressly referenced in, an amended tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.
- + (E) The on-reservation impacts of compliance with the terms of an amended tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.
- + (2) Except as expressly provided in this section, this subdivision does not exempt a city, county, or city and county, or the Department of Transportation, or any state agency or local jurisdiction, from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- + SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:
- + In order to enhance the economic development, stability, and self-sufficiency of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, and

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+ to protect the interests of this tribe and its members, the
+ surrounding communities, and the California public at the earliest
+ possible time, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

Page 4 1 SECTION 1. ~~Section 8670.28 of the Government Code is~~
2 ~~amended to read:~~

3 8670.28. (a) ~~The administrator, taking into consideration the~~
4 ~~facility or vessel contingency plan requirements of the State Lands~~
5 ~~Commission, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the California~~
6 ~~Coastal Commission, and other state and federal agencies, shall~~
7 ~~adopt and implement regulations governing the adequacy of oil~~
8 ~~spill contingency plans to be prepared and implemented under this~~
9 ~~article. All regulations shall be developed in consultation with the~~
10 ~~Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee, and shall be consistent~~
11 ~~with the California oil spill contingency plan and not in conflict~~
12 ~~with the National Contingency Plan. The regulations shall provide~~
13 ~~for the best achievable protection of the waters and natural~~
14 ~~resources of the state. The regulations shall permit the~~
15 ~~development, application, and use of an oil spill contingency plan~~
16 ~~for similar vessels, pipelines, terminals, and facilities within a~~
17 ~~single company or organization, and across companies and~~
18 ~~organizations. The regulations shall, at a minimum, ensure all of~~
19 ~~the following:~~

20 (1) ~~All areas of state waters are at all times protected by~~
21 ~~prevention, response, containment, and cleanup equipment and~~
22 ~~operations.~~

23 (2) ~~Standards set for response, containment, and cleanup~~
24 ~~equipment and operations are maintained and regularly improved~~
25 ~~to protect the resources of the state.~~

26 (3) ~~All appropriate personnel employed by operators required~~
27 ~~to have a contingency plan receive training in oil spill response~~
28 ~~and cleanup equipment usage and operations.~~

Page 5 1 (4) ~~Each oil spill contingency plan provides for appropriate~~
2 ~~financial or contractual arrangements for all necessary equipment~~
3 ~~and services for the response, containment, and cleanup of a~~
4 ~~reasonable worst case oil spill scenario for each area the plan~~
5 ~~addresses.~~

6 (5) ~~Each oil spill contingency plan demonstrates that all~~
7 ~~protection measures are being taken to reduce the possibility of~~
8 ~~an oil spill occurring as a result of the operation of the facility or~~
9 ~~vessel. The protection measures shall include, but not be limited~~

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Page 5 10 to, response to disabled vessels and identification of those measures
11 taken to comply with requirements of Division 7.8 (commencing
12 with Section 8750) of the Public Resources Code.
13 ~~(6) Each oil spill contingency plan identifies the types of~~
14 ~~equipment that can be used, the location of the equipment, and the~~
15 ~~time taken to deliver the equipment.~~
16 ~~(7) Each facility, as determined by the administrator, conducts~~
17 ~~a hazard and operability study to identify the hazards associated~~
18 ~~with the operation of the facility, including the use of the facility~~
19 ~~by vessels, due to operating error, equipment failure, and external~~
20 ~~events. For the hazards identified in the hazard and operability~~
21 ~~studies, the facility shall conduct an offsite consequence analysis~~
22 ~~that, for the most likely hazards, assumes pessimistic water and~~
23 ~~air dispersion and other adverse environmental conditions.~~
24 ~~(8) Each oil spill contingency plan contains a list of contacts to~~
25 ~~call in the event of a drill, threatened discharge of oil, or discharge~~
26 ~~of oil.~~
27 ~~(9) Each oil spill contingency plan identifies the measures to~~
28 ~~be taken to protect the recreational and environmentally sensitive~~
29 ~~areas that would be threatened by a reasonable worst case oil spill~~
30 ~~scenario.~~
31 ~~(10) (A) Standards for determining a reasonable worst case oil~~
32 ~~spill.~~
33 ~~(B) Commencing January 15, 2027, and at least once every 10~~
34 ~~years thereafter, in order to increase public participation, the~~
35 ~~administrator shall solicit public input regarding the~~
36 ~~appropriateness of the reasonable worst case spill volumes for~~
37 ~~facilities. Based on this feedback, the administrator shall review~~
38 ~~and, as appropriate, revise the criteria and formulas for calculating~~
39 ~~reasonable worst case spill volumes to reflect the best available~~
40 ~~information. If revisions are appropriate, the administrator shall~~
Page 6 1 ~~initiate a rulemaking action pursuant to the Administrative~~
2 ~~Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of~~
3 ~~Part 1 of Division 3), which includes a public notice and comment~~
4 ~~process.~~
5 ~~(C) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), for a nontank~~
6 ~~vessel, the reasonable worst case is a spill of the total volume of~~
7 ~~the largest fuel tank on the nontank vessel.~~
8 ~~(D) Any review and rulemaking action undertaken pursuant to~~
9 ~~this paragraph shall be combined with and be used to inform the~~

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Page 6 10 review and any rulemaking action undertaken pursuant to paragraph
11 (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 8670.37.51.
12 (11) Each oil spill contingency plan specifies an agent for service
13 of process. The agent shall be located in this state.
14 (b) The regulations and guidelines adopted pursuant to this
15 section shall also include provisions to provide for public review
16 and comment on submitted oil spill contingency plans.
17 (c) The regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall
18 specifically address the types of equipment that will be necessary;
19 the maximum time that will be allowed for deployment, the
20 maximum distance to cooperating response entities, the amounts
21 of dispersant, and the maximum time required for application
22 should the use of dispersants be approved. Upon a determination
23 by the administrator that booming is appropriate at the site and
24 necessary to provide best achievable protection, the regulations
25 shall require that vessels engaged in lightering operations be
26 boomed prior to the commencement of operations.
27 (d) The administrator shall adopt regulations and guidelines for
28 oil spill contingency plans with regard to mobile transfer units;
29 small marine fueling facilities, and vessels carrying oil as secondary
30 cargo that acknowledge the reduced risk of damage from oil spills
31 from those units, facilities, and vessels while maintaining the best
32 achievable protection for the public health and safety and the
33 environment.

Page 7 7 SEC. 2. Section 8670.37.51 of the Government Code is
8 amended to read:
9 8670.37.51. (a) A tank vessel or vessel carrying oil as a
10 secondary cargo shall not be used to transport oil across waters of
11 the state unless the owner or operator has applied for and obtained
12 a certificate of financial responsibility issued by the administrator
13 for that vessel or for the owner of all of the oil contained in and
14 to be transferred to or from that vessel.
15 (b) An operator of a marine terminal within the state shall not
16 transfer oil to or from a tank vessel or vessel carrying oil as a
17 secondary cargo unless the operator of the marine terminal has
18 received a copy of a certificate of financial responsibility issued
19 by the administrator for the operator of that vessel or for all of the
20 oil contained in and to be transferred to or from that vessel.
21 (c) An operator of a marine terminal within the state shall not
22 transfer oil to or from any vessel that is or is intended to be used

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Page 7 23 for transporting oil as cargo to or from a second vessel unless the
24 operator of the marine terminal has first received a copy of a
25 certificate of financial responsibility issued by the administrator
26 for the person responsible for both the first and second vessels or
27 all of the oil contained in both vessels, as well as all the oil to be
28 transferred to or from both vessels.

29 (d) (1) An owner or operator of a facility where a spill could
30 impact waters of the state shall apply for and obtain a certificate
31 of financial responsibility issued by the administrator for the
32 facility or the oil to be handled, stored, or transported by the
33 facility.

38 (2) The administrator shall publicly post on the Office of Spill
39 Prevention and Response internet website a list of all applications
40 for certificates of financial responsibility submitted by facility
Page 8 1 owners and operators. The posting shall include the legal name of
2 the applicant, the name and reasonable worst case spill volume of
3 the facility to be covered by the certificate, the amount of financial
4 responsibility demonstrated, and the type of evidence furnished
5 to demonstrate the financial responsibility. The administrator shall
6 post this information within seven business days of receiving an
7 application.

8 (3) (A) Commencing January 15, 2027, and at least once every
9 10 years thereafter, in order to increase public participation, the
10 administrator shall solicit public input regarding the
14 appropriateness of the financial responsibility requirements for
15 facilities. Based on this feedback, the administrator shall review
16 and, as appropriate, revise the criteria and formulas for calculating
17 the financial assurances and setting the maximum amount of a
18 certificate of financial responsibility necessary to respond to an
19 oil spill to reflect the best available information, pursuant to the
20 rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act
21 (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of
22 Division 3), which includes a public notice and comment process.

24 (B) Any review and rulemaking action undertaken pursuant to
25 this paragraph shall be combined with and be used to inform the
26 review and any rulemaking action undertaken pursuant to paragraph
27 (10) of subdivision (a) of Section 8670.28.

28 (e) Pursuant to Section 8670.37.58, nontank vessels shall obtain
29 a certificate of financial responsibility.

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Page 8 30 SEC. 3.— Section 51014.1 is added to the Government Code, to
31 read:
32 51014.1. (a) Any existing pipeline that transports oil and that
33 is six inches or larger that has been idle, inactive, or out of service
34 for five years or more, shall not be restarted without passing a
35 spike hydrostatic testing program.
36 (b) (1) (A) The hydrostatic spike test shall be at least 139
37 percent of the maximum operating pressure of the pipeline and
38 shall not exceed 80 percent of the specific minimum yield strength,
39 as determined appropriate by the State Fire Marshal.
Page 9 1 (B) Notwithstanding paragraph (A), at the operator's request,
2 the minimum hydrostatic spike test pressure may be lower than
3 100 percent of the specified minimum yield strength if the
4 maximum operating pressure of the pipeline is correspondingly
5 reduced. The hydrostatic spike test shall be at least 139 percent of
6 the reduced maximum operating pressure of the pipeline, as
7 determined appropriate by the State Fire Marshal. The hydrostatic
8 spike test shall be performed in segments to ensure every elevation
9 point will be tested.
10 (2) If the specified minimum yield strength is unknown, the
11 specified minimum yield strength shall be determined pursuant to
12 Section 195.106(b) of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations
13 before performing the hydrostatic spike test.
14 (c) The hydrostatic spike test shall be no more than 15 minutes,
15 and be immediately followed by a hydrostatic test, which shall be
16 held for a minimum of eight hours and meet the requirements of
17 the State Fire Marshal.
18 (d) The hydrostatic spike test shall be completed in segments
19 for multielevational pipelines.
20 (e) All tests shall be performed by a qualified testing company
21 that is compliant with this chapter, as determined by the State Fire
22 Marshal.
23 (f) The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall promulgate
24 regulations as necessary to implement this section.
25 SEC. 4.— No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
26 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
27 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
28 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
29 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
30 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
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Page 9 32 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
33 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
34 Constitution.

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