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Monday, April 29, 2024
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 126

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/26/2024
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, SB 536 has been removed from the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/29/2024

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

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 129

Introduced by Assembly Member Villapudua

January 22, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 129, as introduced, Villapudua. Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize, in perpetuity, the month of May as Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis was first described in medical
2 literature in 1883 and was originally described as a disease of
3 unknown cause; and

4 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis is an uncommon clinical
5 disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that is often referred
6 to in popular culture as the flesh-eating bacteria or virus; and

7 WHEREAS, The most common causes of the disease are the
8 bacteria group A hemolytic, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, and
9 *Staphylococcus aureus*, either alone or in combination. Other cases
10 are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria, including those
11 naturally found within the intestines of normal healthy individuals;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis can occur in any age group.
14 Although sometimes there are precipitating factors, it is most
15 commonly associated with surgical procedures. It also may be seen

1 in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease,
2 malignancy, and hypertension; and

3 WHEREAS, In rare occasions, necrotizing fasciitis may occur
4 following minor injuries to the skin, falls, cuts, or tears, but
5 sometimes is not apparent and can occur in apparently healthy
6 individuals; and

7 WHEREAS, Though necrotizing fasciitis can affect anywhere
8 on the body, the most common sites are the abdomen, arms, legs,
9 extremities, and face, particularly around the eyes; and

10 WHEREAS, While progress has been made in understanding
11 the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, there is still much
12 to learn about necrotizing fasciitis; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes in perpetuity
15 the month of May as Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month; and
16 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 129 (Villapudua) – As Introduced January 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes in perpetuity the month of May as Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Necrotizing fasciitis was first described in medical literature in 1883 and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause.
- 2) Necrotizing fasciitis is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that is often referred to in popular culture as the flesh-eating bacteria or virus.
- 3) The most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*, either alone or in combination. Other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria, including those naturally found within the intestines of normal healthy individuals.
- 4) Necrotizing fasciitis can occur in any age group. Although sometimes there are precipitating factors, it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures. It also may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and hypertension.
- 5) In rare occasions, necrotizing fasciitis may occur following minor injuries to the skin, falls, cuts, or tears, but sometimes is not apparent and can occur in apparently healthy individuals.
- 6) Though necrotizing fasciitis can affect anywhere on the body, the most common sites are the abdomen, arms, legs, extremities, and face, particularly around the eyes.
- 7) While progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, there is still much to learn about necrotizing fasciitis.

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. 161

Introduced by Assembly Member Connolly

March 12, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161—Relative to Compost Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 161, as introduced, Connolly. Compost Awareness Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 5, 2024, through May 11, 2024, as Compost Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Composting is an effective form of waste reduction,
2 reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials make up
3 approximately 30 percent of the material going to landfills,
4 composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities
5 use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Chapter 719 of the Statutes of 2014 phased out
8 diversion credits for organic alternative daily cover in landfills,
9 Chapter 727 of the Statutes of 2014 statutorily mandated
10 commercial recycling of organics, and Chapter 593 of the Statutes
11 of 2015 required organic waste recycling planning by local
12 jurisdictions; and

13 WHEREAS, Section 42649.87 of the Public Resources Code
14 requires the California Environmental Protection Agency, in
15 coordination with the Department of Resources Recycling and
16 Recovery, the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Air

1 Resources Board, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and
2 the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to “develop and
3 implement policies to aid in diverting organic waste from landfills
4 by promoting the use of agricultural, forestry, and urban organic
5 waste as a feedstock for compost and by promoting the appropriate
6 use of that compost throughout the state to improve the state’s soil
7 organic matter”; and

8 WHEREAS, Chapter 395 of the Statutes of 2016 required the
9 State Air Resources Board to incorporate new targets for landfill
10 diversion and reduction of methane emissions from livestock and
11 dairy operations in its comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant
12 strategy, and specifically recognized the important role composting
13 has in achieving those targets; and

14 WHEREAS, Organic residual materials, including yard
15 trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures,
16 rice hulls, almond hulls, and hay shavings, are being composted
17 and converted into beneficial compost products; and

18 WHEREAS, Returning organic resources, remanufactured into
19 compost and applied to the soil, reduces water consumption by
20 over 30 percent on all soil types, conserves water during extreme
21 drought or flooding conditions, decreases dependence on chemical
22 fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases erosion and nonpoint source
23 pollution; and

24 WHEREAS, Composting is recognized by the State Air
25 Resources Board as an important tool to sequester massive amounts
26 of carbon in California’s soils to help immediately reverse global
27 warming by drawing down excess carbon dioxide from the
28 atmosphere and storing it deep in California’s soils; and

29 WHEREAS, Communities, through their local governments,
30 highway departments, soil conservation services, and public works
31 professionals, can have positive impacts on clean water, soil,
32 climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public
33 works projects; and

34 WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is a
35 multimedia publicity and educational initiative to showcase
36 compost production and demonstrate compost use initiated and
37 supported by compost industry organizations around the world;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure
40 for cities and states that implement composting programs; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States Composting Council, Canada,
2 and the United Kingdom have declared the first week of May to
3 be the annual International Compost Awareness Week; and

4 WHEREAS, All California citizens produce organic residual
5 feedstocks that are remanufactured into compost, from their
6 backyards to their regional industrial scale compost production
7 facilities, collectively producing over 10 million tons of compost
8 and mulch each year; and

9 WHEREAS, California intends to almost double its compost
10 production capacity in the next five years; and

11 WHEREAS, The theme for 2024, “Compost...Nature’s Climate
12 Champion,” is a great current message for California citizens,
13 municipal leaders, and farmers to continue to learn the benefits to
14 communities, property owners, and agricultural growers; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the week of May 5, 2024, through May
18 11, 2024, is hereby designated as Compost Awareness Week; and
19 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 161 (Connolly) – As Introduced March 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Compost Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Designates the week of May 5, 2024, through May 11, 2024, as Compost Awareness Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, and since organic materials make up over 30 percent of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals and create sustainable communities.
- 2) Section 42649.87 of the Public Resources Code requires the California Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Air Resources Board, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to “develop and implement policies to aid in diverting organic waste from landfills by promoting the use of agricultural, forestry, and urban organic waste as a feedstock for compost and by promoting the appropriate use of that compost throughout the state to improve the state’s soil organic matter.”
- 3) Organic residual materials, including yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, rice hulls, almond hulls, and hay shavings, are being composted and converted into beneficial compost products.
- 4) Returning organic resources, remanufactured into compost and applied to the soil, reduces water consumption by over 30 percent on all soil types, conserves water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, decreases dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases erosion and nonpoint source pollution.
- 5) Communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation services, and public works professionals, can have positive impacts on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects.
- 6) Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs. California intends to almost double its compost production capacity in the next five years.
- 7) All California citizens produce organic residual feedstocks that are remanufactured into compost, from their backyards to their regional industrial scale compost production facilities, collectively producing over 10 million tons of compost and mulch each year.
- 8) The theme for 2024, “Compost...Nature’s Climate Champion,” is a great current message for California citizens, municipal leaders, and farmers to continue to learn the benefits to communities, property owners, and agricultural growers.

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. 167

Introduced by Assembly Member Juan Carrillo

April 3, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 167—Relative to Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 167, as introduced, Juan Carrillo. Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

This measure would recognize May 6, 2024, to May 10, 2024, inclusive, as Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Childhood and adolescence are critical times for
2 physical and mental development; and
3 WHEREAS, Mental health affects how children and adolescents
4 think, feel, and act; and
5 WHEREAS, The development of sound mental health is
6 important for overall health and well-being throughout a person’s
7 lifespan; and
8 WHEREAS, Mental health issues among children and youth
9 can seriously change how children learn, behave, and handle their
10 emotions throughout their lives; and
11 WHEREAS, Today’s students are exposed to the pervasive
12 influence of social media, which has the potential to induce
13 negative psychological consequences such as heightened social
14 anxiety and increased feelings of loneliness; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
2 Control and Prevention, more than 42 percent of high school
3 students experience persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness,
4 a 50-percent increase over the past decade; and
5 WHEREAS, Schools are ideally situated to provide services
6 and programs that aim to improve students’ feelings of
7 connectedness within the school environment; and
8 WHEREAS, The more mental health services are embedded in
9 schools, the lower the threshold for access and the better the student
10 outcomes; and
11 WHEREAS, Improving student mental health begins with
12 focused efforts to create safe and secure learning environments
13 that promote respect, inclusion, and kindness and reduce mental
14 health stigma; and
15 WHEREAS, The early identification and treatment of mental
16 and behavioral health issues are critical for a healthy student body
17 and school community; and
18 WHEREAS, Comprehensive and coordinated mental and
19 behavioral health services for students in school are critical parts
20 of an overall education plan; and
21 WHEREAS, School counselors, social workers, psychologists,
22 and school nurses are essential to a well-balanced school-based
23 mental, behavioral, and physical health workforce; and
24 WHEREAS, School-based mental health professionals, including
25 school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists,
26 are instrumental in identifying and treating students, offering a
27 range of services; and
28 WHEREAS, Mental health programs in schools should also
29 include student education and outreach to families; and
30 WHEREAS, Addressing the mental health needs of homeless
31 and foster youth can contribute to breaking the cycle of adversity,
32 fostering resilience, and empowering these students to achieve
33 their full potential; and
34 WHEREAS, Addressing the mental health of teachers and other
35 staff members improves services to students and contributes to
36 school cultures that are more empathic, understanding and
37 supportive; and
38 WHEREAS, Support for all students who have experienced
39 trauma resulting from racial injustice should be a part of the overall

1 service plan and approach by schools to promote equity and
2 healing; and

3 WHEREAS, By elevating the importance of mental and
4 behavioral health in schools and by providing our children and
5 youth with resources, we can dispel the stigma that surrounds
6 mental health and cultivate a supportive and compassionate culture
7 in our schools and communities; and

8 WHEREAS, It is important to set aside a week that recognizes
9 the mental health of students in order to support the needs and
10 well-being of students in California; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes May
13 6, 2024, to May 10, 2024, inclusive, as Student Mental Health
14 Awareness Week in California; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 167 (Juan Carrillo) – As Introduced April 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 6, 2024, to May 10, 2024, inclusive, as Student Mental Health Awareness Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The development of sound mental health is important for overall health and well-being throughout a person’s lifespan. Mental health affects how children and adolescents think, feel, and act. Mental health issues among children can seriously change how children learn, behave, and handle their emotions throughout their lives.
- 2) Today’s students are exposed to the pervasive influence of social media, which has the potential to induce negative psychological consequences such as heightened social anxiety and increased feelings of loneliness.
- 3) More than 42 percent of high school students experience persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness, a 50 percent increase over the past decade.
- 4) The early identification and treatment of mental health and behavioral issues are critical components for a healthy student body and school community. School counselors, social workers, psychologists, and school nurses are essential to a well-balanced school-based mental, behavioral, and physical health workforce.
- 5) Support for all students who have experienced trauma resulting from racial injustice should be a part of the overall service plan and approach by schools to promote equity and healing.
- 6) Comprehensive and coordinated mental and behavioral health services for students in school are critical parts of an overall education plan. It is important to set aside a week that recognizes the mental health of students in order to support the needs and well-being of students 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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 172

Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes

April 9, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 172—Relative to State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 172, as introduced, Reyes. State Scientist Day.

This measure would recognize May 9, 2024, as the 33rd Annual State Scientist Day and would declare that this day shall be a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 5,200 professional
2 scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 81
3 scientific classifications; and
4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually
5 every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology,
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others; and
7 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical
8 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding, and
9 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all
10 Californians; and
11 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas
12 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,
13 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of

1 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and
2 radiological disaster response, and much more; and
3 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California
4 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated
5 to professionalism, independence, and responsible advocacy; and
6 WHEREAS, CAPS is featuring its members in a statewide media
7 campaign with the slogan “Science Matters” to educate the public
8 and policymakers about the important work state scientists perform
9 to protect the public from life-threatening diseases, safeguard our
10 wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protect our air and
11 water from toxic waste and pollution; and
12 WHEREAS, CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional STEM
13 Fair, one of California’s 14 regional science and engineering fairs,
14 serving hundreds of middle and high schools in 12 California
15 counties; and
16 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day
17 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition
18 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state
19 government while entertaining and educating over 3,500
20 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits;
21 and
22 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in
23 science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators,
24 state employees, and members of the public who attend the special
25 event; now, therefore, be it
26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes May
28 9, 2024, as the 33rd Annual State Scientist Day and that this day
29 shall be a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state
30 scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California;
31 and 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: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 172 (Reyes) – As Introduced April 9, 2024

SUBJECT: State Scientist Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 9, 2024, as the 33rd Annual State Scientist Day, and declares that this day shall be a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The state employs nearly 5,200 professional scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 81 scientific classifications. State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology, seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others.
- 2) State scientists are required to make critical decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding, and these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all Californians. They perform important work in the areas of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup, public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and radiological disaster response, and much more.
- 3) State scientists are represented by the California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated to professionalism, independence, and responsible advocacy.
- 4) CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional STEM Fair, one of California's 14 regional science and engineering fairs, serving hundreds of middle and high schools in 12 California counties.
- 5) State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state government while entertaining and educating over 3,500 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS)

Opposition

None on file

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



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LEGISLATIVE AND
GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION

April 10, 2024

The Honorable Eloise Gómez Reyes
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4510
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 172 (Reyes): State Scientist Day – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Reyes:

On behalf of our client, the California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) representing more than 5,200 highly educated, specially trained state-employed scientists working in over 30 state departments and 81 scientific classifications whose members protect the public from life-threatening diseases, safeguard our wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protect our air and water from toxic waste and pollution, I am writing to inform you of their support for, and sponsorship of, ACR 172 recognizing May 9, 2024, as the 33rd Annual State Scientist Day, and declares that this day shall be a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

The state employs nearly 6,500 professional scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 81 scientific classifications. State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology, seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others. State scientists are required to make critical decisions every day based on rigorous scientific fact-finding, and these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all Californians. They perform important work in the areas of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup, public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and radiological disaster response, and much more. State scientists are represented by the California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated to professionalism, independence, and responsible advocacy.

State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state government while entertaining and educating over 3,500 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits. This resolution recognizes May 9, 2024, as the 33rd Annual State Scientist Day, and declares that this day shall be a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

Sincerely,

Patrick Moran, Lobbyist
Aaron Read & Associates

6.035.24

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 184

Introduced by Assembly Member Bains

April 23, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 184—Relative to Older Americans Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 184, as introduced, Bains. Older Americans Month.

This bill would recognize the month of May 2024 as Older Americans Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California’s spirit embraces new longevity and
2 honors all aspects of aging. We celebrate our progress in building
3 a state that fully includes and supports older adults, people with
4 disabilities, and their caregivers; and

5 WHEREAS, We continue to face the most challenging issues
6 of ageism and ableism, inequities across race and gender,
7 loneliness, homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity head on;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge the ideal of a
10 “California for All” that is inclusive of age, ability, race, ethnicity,
11 language, culture, religion, immigration status, gender, sexual
12 orientation, income, and geography; and

13 WHEREAS, Older adults are the fastest growing population in
14 California, where by 2030, one in four Californians will be 60
15 years of age or older; and

1 WHEREAS, People of color will make up over one-half of
2 California’s older adult population by the year 2035, with the
3 Latino and Asian-Pacific Islander community making up the fastest
4 growing racial and ethnic older adult population; and
5 WHEREAS, Women make up the majority of California’s older
6 and caregiver population; and
7 WHEREAS, The State of California, through its Master Plan
8 for Aging, is prioritizing its older adults by elevating policies and
9 programs that reflect the shared priorities of Californians. In 2023,
10 these priorities included home and community care essential to
11 our economy and our families, climate and disaster readiness,
12 especially in the most at-risk communities, and behavioral health
13 system modernization through the inclusion of more geriatric care,
14 health care access and affordability for all, more dementia
15 prevention, screening, and care, and more affordable and accessible
16 housing, transportation, broadband internet access, and
17 communities statewide; now, therefore, be it
18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
20 recognizes the month of May 2024 as Older Americans Month,
21 and the theme “Powered by Connection,” which recognizes the
22 profound impact that meaningful relationships and social
23 connections have on our health and well-being; and be it further
24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to
25 renew our shared commitment to a California for all ages and
26 abilities, where we all can grow older with purpose, belonging,
27 and peace of mind; and be it further
28 *Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 184 (Bains) – As Introduced April 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Older Americans Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of May 2024 as Older Americans Month, and encourages all Californians to renew their shared commitment to a California for all ages and abilities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Older adults are the fastest growing population in California, where by 2030, one in four Californians will be 60 years of age or older.
- 2) People of color will make up over one-half of California’s older adult population by the year 2035, with the Latino and Asian-Pacific Islander community making up the fastest growing racial and ethnic older adult population. And, women make up the majority of California’s older and caregiver population.
- 3) California’s spirit embraces new longevity and honors all aspects of aging. We celebrate our progress in building a state that fully includes and supports older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.
- 4) We continue to face the most challenging issues of ageism and ableism, inequities across race and gender, loneliness, homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity head on.
- 5) It is important to acknowledge the ideal of a “California for All” that is inclusive of age, ability, race, ethnicity, language, culture, religion, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation, income, and geography.
- 6) The State of California, through its Master Plan for Aging, is prioritizing its older adults by elevating policies and programs that reflect the shared priorities of Californians.

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. 88

Introduced by Assembly Member Boerner

April 3, 2024

House Resolution No. 88—Relative to Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, Many people with serious mental health conditions,
2 such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia, and
3 schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders, including
4 gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with
5 medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents
6 (DRBAs), including antipsychotics and antiemetics; and

7 WHEREAS, While ongoing treatment with these medications
8 can be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to Tardive
9 Dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is
10 characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive
11 movements of the face, torso, limbs, fingers, or toes that can impact
12 people physically, socially, and emotionally; and

13 WHEREAS, It is estimated that TD affects approximately
14 600,000 people in the United States and approximately 65 percent
15 of people with TD remain undiagnosed, making it important to
16 raise awareness about the symptoms; and

17 WHEREAS, It is important for people taking these medications
18 be monitored for TD by a health care provider. Regular screening
19 for TD in these patients is recommended by the American
20 Psychiatric Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Clinical research has led to the approval of
22 treatments for adults with TD by the United States Food and Drug
23 Administration. Recognition and treatment of TD can make a

1 positive impact on the lives of many people experiencing psychotic
2 and mood disorders; and

3 WHEREAS, Anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal,
4 and repetitive movements should be empowered to consult their
5 health care provider regarding their symptoms to determine
6 appropriate treatment; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
8 *Assembly proclaims the week of May 6, 2024, as Tardive*
9 *Dyskinesia Awareness Week in California, and commends the*
10 *observance of the week to all residents of the state; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 88 (Boerner) – As Introduced April 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of May 6, 2024, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week in California, and commends the observance of the week to all residents of the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics and antiemetics.
- 2) While ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, or other body parts.
- 3) It is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States and approximately 65 percent of people with TD remain undiagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms.
- 4) It is important for people taking DRBA medications to be monitored for TD. Regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association.
- 5) Clinical research has led to the availability of two treatments for adults with TD by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Recognition and treatment of TD can make a positive impact on the lives of many people experiencing psychotic and mood disorders.
- 6) Anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements should be empowered to consult their health care provider regarding their symptoms to determine appropriate treatment.

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. 92

Introduced by Assembly Member Alanis

April 9, 2024

House Resolution No. 92—Relative to Star Wars Day.

1 WHEREAS, Star Wars is a film series and science fiction and
2 fantasy universe created by George Lucas that became one of the
3 most successful and influential franchises in motion picture history;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, George Lucas was born and raised in the City of
6 Modesto and attended Modesto Junior College. Mr. Lucas spent
7 his early adult life exploring cinematography and transferred to
8 the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts
9 where he began making films, quickly learning from industry
10 titans, and ultimately writing and directing the first Star Wars film,
11 creating a pop culture phenomenon; and

12 WHEREAS, The first movie, “Star Wars: A New Hope,” was
13 released in 1977 and had a budget of only \$11,000,000. Yet, it
14 won six Academy Awards, along with a special achievement award
15 for its accomplishments in sound, and revolutionized the motion
16 picture industry with its achievements in special effects; and

17 WHEREAS, Since then, the Star Wars franchise has captured
18 the imaginations and hearts of many and has remained a beloved
19 franchise into the 21st century; and

20 WHEREAS, “May the Fourth be with you,” which started as a
21 pun warmly shared by fans, has become a full-fledged
22 fan-embraced celebration of Star Wars; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2012, the Walt Disney Company acquired the
24 Star Wars franchise, providing new opportunities to expand on

1 this galaxy far, far away, bringing a larger and more dynamic
2 universe with fresh content from films, books, comics, and
3 television shows, and introducing this beloved universe to a new
4 generation of fans; and

5 WHEREAS, With the opening of Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge in
6 2019, located in Disneyland Park at the Disneyland Resort in the
7 City of Anaheim, fans from all over the world are now able to visit
8 and share in the fully immersive and collective Star Wars
9 experience; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
11 Assembly declares May 4, 2024, as Star Wars Day; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 92 (Alanis) – As Introduced April 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Star Wars Day.

SUMMARY: Declares May 4, 2024, as Star Wars Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Star Wars is a film series and science fiction and fantasy universe created by George Lucas that became one of the most successful and influential franchises in motion picture history.
- 2) George Lucas was born and raised in the City of Modesto. He attended Modesto Junior College and spent his early adult life exploring cinematography. Mr. Lucas transferred to the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts, where he began making films, quickly learning from industry titans, and ultimately writing and directing the first Star Wars film, creating a pop culture phenomenon.
- 3) The first movie, “Star Wars: A New Hope,” was released in 1977 and had a budget of only \$11 million. Yet, it won six Academy Awards, along with a special achievement award for its accomplishments in sound, and revolutionized the motion picture industry with its achievements in special effects. Since then, the Star Wars franchise has captured the imaginations and hearts of many and has remained a beloved franchise into the 21st century.
- 4) In 2012, the Walt Disney Company acquired the Star Wars franchise, providing new opportunities to expand on this galaxy far, far away, bringing a larger and more dynamic universe with fresh content, including films, books, comics, and television shows, and introducing this beloved universe to a new generation of fans.
- 5) With the opening of Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge in 2019, located in Disneyland Park at the Disneyland Resort in the City of Anaheim, California, fans from all over the world are now able to visit and share in the fully immersive and collective Star Wars experience.
- 6) “May the Fourth be with you,” which started as a pun warmly shared by fans, has become a full-fledged fan-embraced celebration of Star Wars.

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. 95

Introduced by Assembly Member Gabriel

April 22, 2024

House Resolution No. 95—Relative to Education and Sharing Day, California.

1 WHEREAS, The basis for the continuity of any society is
2 education, and in the great State of California the education of our
3 youth is a priority; and

4 WHEREAS, In order to achieve its highest goals, education
5 must not only impart knowledge but also teach pupils and students
6 how to live, forming and strengthening their moral character to
7 make a better life for themselves as individuals and for society as
8 a whole; and

9 WHEREAS, A global spiritual leader, the Rebbe, Rabbi
10 Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed that a
11 moral and ethical education empowers every individual to develop
12 their full potential in making the world a better place; and

13 WHEREAS, Such an education can nurture the unity of diverse
14 peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and
15 kindness, imbued with the awareness that even a single positive
16 act of an individual can change the world and usher in an era of
17 global peace; and

18 WHEREAS, “Education and Sharing Day, USA” is observed
19 each year on the Rebbe’s birthday in recognition of his outstanding
20 and lasting contributions toward the improvement of education,
21 morality, and acts of charity around the world; a day to pause and
22 reflect on our responsibility to ensure that our youth have the

1 foundation necessary to lead lives rich in purpose and fulfillment
2 through service and good works; and

3 WHEREAS, April 19, 2024, will mark 122 years since the
4 Rebbe’s birth, and this year begins the celebrations of the 75th
5 anniversary of his leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, “Chabad” is an acronym of three Hebrew words
8 for “wisdom, understanding, and knowledge”; and

9 WHEREAS, The name “Lubavitch” comes from the city which
10 served as the movement’s headquarters for over a century and
11 means city of love; and

12 WHEREAS, In recognition of the Rebbe’s outstanding and
13 lasting contributions toward improvements in world education,
14 morality, and acts of charity, he was awarded the Congressional
15 Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his
16 birth date as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the
17 education of our children; and

18 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, the President of the United
19 States has recognized and honored the Rebbe’s vision each year
20 on that day by proclaiming it “Education and Sharing Day, USA”;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
23 Assembly proclaims Friday, April 19, 2024, as “Education and
24 Sharing Day, California” and calls upon government officials,
25 educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to those within
26 their communities and work to create a better, brighter, and more
27 hopeful future for all; 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: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 95 (Gabriel) – As Introduced April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Education and Sharing Day, California.

SUMMARY: Proclaims Friday, April 19, 2024, as “Education and Sharing Day, California” and calls upon government officials, educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to those within their communities and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The basis for the continuity of any society is education, and in the great State of California the education of our youth is a priority. In order to achieve its highest goals, education must not only impart knowledge but also teach pupils and students how to live, forming and strengthening their moral character to make a better life for themselves as individuals and for society as a whole.
- 2) Such an education can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with the awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can change the world and usher in an era of global peace.
- 3) A global spiritual leader, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, stressed that a moral and ethical education empowers every individual to develop their full potential in making the world a better place. For more than 40 years, the President of the United States has recognized and honored the Rebbe’s vision each year on his birthdate by proclaiming it “Education and Sharing Day, USA.”
- 4) “Education and Sharing Day, USA” is observed each year on the Rebbe’s birthday in recognition of his outstanding and lasting contributions toward the improvement of education, morality, and acts of charity around the world; a day to pause and reflect on our responsibility to ensure that our youth have the foundation necessary to lead lives rich in purpose and fulfillment through service and good works.
- 5) April 19, 2024, will mark 122 years since the Rebbe’s birth, and this year begins the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of his leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

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. 96

Introduced by Assembly Member Cervantes

April 22, 2024

House Resolution No. 96—Relative to Cinco de Mayo Week.

1 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is
2 memorialized as a significant date in the history of California and
3 Mexico in recognition of the courage of the Mexican people, who
4 defeated a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de
5 Puebla”; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the beginning of the American Civil War,
7 Latinos in California have shown their support for the institutions
8 of freedom and democracy by joining the forces of the United
9 States Army, Cavalry, and Navy, risking their lives to defend free
10 institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, Those who were unable to join the Armed Forces
12 of the Union freely offered their support for President Abraham
13 Lincoln; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Civil War, making it impossible
15 for the United States to enforce the Monroe Doctrine, provided an
16 opportunity for the Emperor of France, Napoléon III, to establish
17 a monarchy in Mexico, thereby attempting to destroy democratic
18 institutions that derive their power from the consent of the
19 governed; and

20 WHEREAS, Latinos, including Californians, also offered their
21 support and risked their lives in Mexico to defend freedom and
22 democracy in that country by joining the armed forces of that sister
23 republic; and

1 WHEREAS, Those who were unable to travel to Mexico to
2 physically defend free institutions freely offered their support to
3 President Benito Juárez by organizing over 122 Juntas Patrióticas
4 Mexicanas within California to raise funds that were sent every
5 month from California to Mexico to defray the costs of war in that
6 country; and

7 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo serves to remind us that the
8 foundation of any nation and our state is its people, in their spirit
9 and courage in the face of adversity, in the strength of their drive
10 to achieve self-determination, and in their willingness to sacrifice
11 even life itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty; and

12 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder that the
13 foundation of the United States is built by people from many
14 nations and diverse cultures who are willing to fight and die for
15 freedom; and

16 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo also serves as a reminder of the
17 close ties between the people of Mexico and the people of the
18 United States; and

19 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo symbolizes the right of a free
20 people to self-determination, just as Benito Juarez once said, “El
21 respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz” (“The respect of other people’s
22 rights is peace”); and

23 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on
24 the courage and achievements not only of the Mexican forces at
25 Puebla but also on the courage and achievements of Latinos here
26 in California; and

27 WHEREAS, Latino resilience ensured the eventual triumph of
28 Union forces, and were it not for Mexico’s triumph at the Batalla
29 de Puebla, the deterrence of possible French support for
30 Confederate troops may not have occurred, and the outcome of
31 the Civil War may have been dramatically altered; and

32 WHEREAS, Achievements by Latinos in America and
33 California include contributions to all facets of our community;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Latino voters continue to go to the polls in record
36 numbers and influence the entrance of newly elected Latino public
37 officials in both the Democratic and Republican parties and
38 influence issues that encompass providing affordable housing,
39 investing in our children, ensuring that higher education is
40 affordable and accessible, creating well-paying jobs for working

1 families, and improving the overall quality of life for all
2 Californians; and

3 WHEREAS, California’s Latinos have contributed to the state’s
4 culture and society through their many achievements in music,
5 food, dance, poetry, literature, architecture, entertainment, sports,
6 and a broad spectrum of artistic expression; and

7 WHEREAS, Latinos in California have challenged the frontiers
8 of social and economic justice, thereby improving the working
9 conditions and lives of countless Californians; and

10 WHEREAS, Latino entrepreneurs in the United States are the
11 fastest-growing group of business owners in our economy; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize
13 and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and
14 dedication to the economy and cultural life of California and the
15 United States with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These
16 recipients are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed
17 to the wonderful music, poetry, literature, journalism, and
18 entertainment of California, the United States, and the world; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
21 *Assembly urges all Californians to join in celebrating Cinco de*
22 *Mayo, with culturally appropriate ceremonies and activities; and*
23 *be it further*

24 *Resolved, That the Assembly recognizes the historical struggle*
25 *for independence and freedom of the people of Mexico, the historic*
26 *day when the Mexican people defeated the French army at the*
27 *Batalla de Puebla, the Latino noncombatants in California who*
28 *freely gave their votes and resources to defend free institutions,*
29 *and the Latinos of California who fought to defend the freedom*
30 *of the United States in every armed conflict from the Spanish*
31 *American War to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and be it*
32 *further*

33 *Resolved, That the Assembly declares May 1, 2024, through*
34 *May 7, 2024, as Cinco de Mayo Week; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 96 (Cervantes) – As Introduced April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Cinco de Mayo Week.

SUMMARY: Declares May 1, 2024, through May 7, 2024, as Cinco de Mayo Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is memorialized as a significant date in the history of California and Mexico in recognition of the courage of the Mexican people, who defeated a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de Puebla.”
- 2) Since the beginning of the American Civil War, Latinos in California have shown their support for the institutions of freedom and democracy by joining the forces of the United States Army, Cavalry, and Navy, risking their lives to defend free institutions.
- 3) Cinco de Mayo serves to remind us that the foundation of any nation and our state is its people, in their spirit and courage in the face of adversity, in the strength of their drive to achieve self-determination, and in their willingness to sacrifice even life itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty.
- 4) Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on the courage and achievements not only of the Mexican forces at Puebla, but also on the courage and achievements of Latinos here in California.
- 5) Latino resilience ensured the eventual triumph of Union forces, and were it not for Mexico’s triumph at the Batalla de Puebla, the deterrence of possible French support for Confederate troops may not have occurred, and the outcome of the Civil War may have been dramatically altered.
- 6) California’s Latinos have contributed to the state’s culture and society through their many achievements in music, food, dance, poetry, literature, architecture, entertainment, sports, and a broad spectrum of artistic expression.
- 7) Latinos in California have challenged the frontiers of social and economic justice, thereby improving the working conditions and lives of countless Californians. Latino entrepreneurs in the United States are the fastest growing group of business owners in our economy.
- 8) In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and dedication to the economy and cultural life of California and the United States with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These recipients are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed to the wonderful music, poetry, literature, journalism, and entertainment of California, the United States, and the world.
- 9) Achievements by Latinos in America and California include contributions to all facets of our community.

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. 98

Introduced by Assembly Member Alvarez

April 23, 2024

House Resolution No. 98—Relative to Bilingual and Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.

1 WHEREAS, In California, the number of bilingual and
2 multilingual learners continues to grow, as approximately 40
3 percent of pupils in California schools are now, or once were,
4 English learners, with about half of those currently learning English
5 while the other half have mastered the language; and
6 WHEREAS, In California, nearly 60 percent of children under
7 the age of five have a least one parent who speaks a language other
8 than English, and multiple studies have also shown that English
9 learners do best when they are in some form of a bilingual setting;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, The observance of Bilingual and Multilingual
12 Learner Advocacy Month was a national initiative to highlight that
13 knowing more than one language can provide tangible academic,
14 cognitive, economic, and sociocultural advantages; and
15 WHEREAS, The month of April is now commemorated
16 throughout the nation by acknowledging the immense potential to
17 transform education systems to prepare bilingual and multilingual
18 learners for their futures; and
19 WHEREAS, Programs that have included support for pupils to
20 develop their first language skills have tended to have larger
21 improvements in student learning; and

1 WHEREAS, California continues to demonstrate a strong
2 commitment to ensuring that multilingual and bilingual learners
3 get to succeed; now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
5 Assembly takes pleasure in honoring the rich contributions of
6 bilingual and multilingual learners, and proclaims the month of
7 April 2024 as Bilingual and Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month;
8 and be it further

9 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
10 of this resolution to the Legislature, the California State Librarian,
11 and the author for appropriate distribution.

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14 **CORRECTIONS:**

15 **Text—Page 2.**

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Date of Hearing: April 29, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 98 (Alvarez) – As Introduced April 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Bilingual and Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2024 as Bilingual and Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month, to honor the rich contributions of bilingual and multilingual learners. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The observance of Bilingual and Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month was a national initiative to highlight that knowing more than one language can provide tangible academic, cognitive, economic, and sociocultural advantages.
- 2) The month of April is now commemorated throughout the nation by acknowledging the immense potential to transform education systems to prepare bilingual and multilingual learners for their futures.
- 3) In California, the number of bilingual and multilingual learners continues to grow, as approximately 40 percent of pupils in California schools are now, or once were, English learners, with about half of those currently learning English while the other half have mastered the language.
- 4) In California, nearly 60 percent of children under the age of five have at least one parent who speaks a language other than English, and multiple studies have also shown that English learners do best when they are in some form of a bilingual setting.
- 5) California continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to ensuring that multilingual and bilingual learners get to succeed. Programs that have included support for pupils to develop their first language skills have tended to have larger improvements in student learning.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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April 26, 2024

Assembly Rules Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Urgency Clause for AB 2283

Dear Members of Rules Committee:

I am writing to request permission to add an urgency clause to my recently amended bill AB 2283. As amended on April 25th, AB 2283 extends by one year the timeline for California's courts to come into compliance with requirements mandating that the courts electronically serve documents on all parties who are required to accept or consent to accept electronic service.

An urgency clause is needed in order to ensure that the courts are allocated a reasonable extension of time to ensure seamless and reliable access to digitized documents for those being electronically served and by clarifying that electronic service includes both transmission and notification of documents.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my Legislative Director, Kierra Paul at 916-319-2064 or Kierra.Paul@asm.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blanca Pacheco', is written over a horizontal line.

BLANCA PACHECO, Esq
Assemblymember, 64th District

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2283

Introduced by Assembly Member Pacheco

February 8, 2024

An act to ~~add Section 7922.550 to the Government Code, relating to public records; amend Section 1010.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to civil actions.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2283, as amended, Pacheco. ~~Public Records: employee personnel records: notice. Civil actions: electronic service.~~

Existing law authorizes the service of documents in a civil action by electronic means pursuant to rules adopted by the Judicial Council. Existing law requires a court, on and after July 1, 2024, to electronically transmit those documents to a party who is subject to mandatory electronic service, or who has consented to accept electronic service, as specified.

This bill would extend the deadline for courts to comply with the requirement described above to July 1, 2025, and would make a conforming change to clarify that court's electronic transmittal of documents constitutes service of those documents.

~~Existing law, the California Public Records Act, requires a state or local agency to make its public records available for public inspection and to make copies available upon request and payment of a fee, unless the public records are exempt from disclosure. The act requires a state or local agency to comply with specified procedural requirements when responding to a request for a copy of records.~~

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~~This bill would require a public agency that receives a request for the personnel records of one of the public agency’s employees to provide written notice, as prescribed, to the employee within 48 hours of receipt of the request if specified conditions are met. By imposing new duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.~~

~~This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.~~

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1010.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 1010.6. (a) A document may be served electronically in an
- 4 action filed with the court as provided in this section, in accordance
- 5 with rules adopted pursuant to subdivision (h).
- 6 (1) For purposes of this section:
- 7 (A) “Electronic service” means service of a document, on a
- 8 person, by either electronic transmission or electronic notification.
- 9 Electronic service may be performed directly by a person, including
- 10 a party, by a person’s agent, including the person’s attorney, or
- 11 through an electronic filing service provider, and by a court.
- 12 (B) “Electronic transmission” means the transmission of a
- 13 document by electronic means to the electronic service address at
- 14 or through which a person receives electronic service.
- 15 (C) “Electronic notification” means the notification of the person
- 16 that a document is served by sending an electronic message to the
- 17 electronic address at or through which the person receives
- 18 electronic service, specifying the exact name of the document

1 served, and providing a hyperlink at which the served document
2 may be viewed and downloaded.

3 (D) “Electronic filing” means the electronic transmission to a
4 court of a document presented for filing in electronic form. For
5 purposes of this section, this definition of electronic filing concerns
6 the activity of filing and does not include the processing and review
7 of the document and its entry into the court’s records, which are
8 necessary for a document to be officially filed.

9 (2) If a document is required to be served by certified or
10 registered mail, electronic service of the document is not
11 authorized.

12 (3) (A) If a document may be served by mail, express mail,
13 overnight delivery, or facsimile transmission, electronic service
14 of that document is deemed complete at the time of the electronic
15 transmission of the document or at the time that the electronic
16 notification of service of the document is sent.

17 (B) Any period of notice, or any right or duty to do any act or
18 make any response within any period or on a date certain after the
19 service of the document, which time period or date is prescribed
20 by statute or rule of court, shall be extended after service by
21 electronic means by two court days, but the extension shall not
22 apply to extend the time for filing any of the following:

- 23 (i) A notice of intention to move for new trial.
- 24 (ii) A notice of intention to move to vacate judgment under
25 Section 663a.
- 26 (iii) A notice of appeal.

27 (C) This extension applies in the absence of a specific exception
28 provided by any other statute or rule of court.

29 (4) Any document that is served electronically between 12:00
30 a.m. and 11:59:59 p.m. on a court day shall be deemed served on
31 that court day. Any document that is served electronically on a
32 noncourt day shall be deemed served on the next court day.

33 (5) Confidential or sealed records shall be electronically served
34 through encrypted methods to ensure that the documents are not
35 improperly disclosed.

36 (b) (1) This subdivision applies to mandatory electronic service.
37 The court may order electronic service on a person represented by
38 counsel who has appeared in an action or proceeding.

39 (2) A person represented by counsel, who has appeared in an
40 action or proceeding, shall accept electronic service of a notice or

1 document that may be served by mail, express mail, overnight
2 delivery, or facsimile transmission.

3 (3) Before first serving a represented person electronically, the
4 person effecting service shall confirm the appropriate electronic
5 service address for the counsel being served.

6 (4) A person represented by counsel shall, upon the request of
7 any person who has appeared in an action or proceeding and who
8 provides an electronic service address, electronically serve the
9 requesting person with any notice or document that may be served
10 by mail, express mail, overnight delivery, or facsimile transmission.

11 (c) (1) This subdivision applies to electronic service by consent
12 of an unrepresented person in a civil action.

13 (2) An unrepresented party may consent to receive electronic
14 service.

15 (3) Express consent to electronic service may be given by either
16 of the following:

17 (i) Serving a notice on all parties and filing the notice with the
18 court.

19 (ii) Manifesting affirmative consent through electronic means
20 with the court or the court's electronic filing service provider, and
21 concurrently providing the party's electronic address with that
22 consent for the purpose of receiving electronic service. The act of
23 electronic filing shall not be construed as express consent.

24 (4) A person who has provided express consent to accept service
25 electronically may withdraw consent at any time by completing
26 and filing with the court the appropriate Judicial Council form.

27 (5) Consent, or the withdrawal of consent, to receive electronic
28 service may only be completed by a person entitled to service.

29 (d) On and after July 1, ~~2024~~, 2025, in any action in which a
30 party or other person is subject to mandatory electronic service
31 under subdivision (b) or has consented to electronic service under
32 subdivision (c), the court shall electronically ~~transmit~~, *serve*, to a
33 person subject to mandatory electronic service or who consented
34 to electronic service, any document issued by the court that the
35 court is required to transmit, deliver, or serve. The electronic
36 service of documents by the court shall have the same legal effect
37 as service by mail, except as provided in paragraph (3) of
38 subdivision (a).

1 (e) A trial court may adopt local rules permitting electronic
2 filing of documents, subject to rules adopted by the Judicial
3 Council pursuant to subdivision (h) and the following conditions:

4 (1) A document that is filed electronically shall have the same
5 legal effect as an original paper document.

6 (2) (A) When a document to be filed requires the signature of
7 any person, not under penalty of perjury, the document shall be
8 deemed to have been signed by that person if filed electronically
9 and if either of the following conditions is satisfied:

10 (i) The filer is the signer.

11 (ii) The person has signed the document pursuant to the
12 procedure set forth in the California Rules of Court.

13 (B) When a document to be filed requires the signature, under
14 penalty of perjury, of any person, the document shall be deemed
15 to have been signed by that person if filed electronically and if
16 either of the following conditions is satisfied:

17 (i) The person has signed a printed form of the document before,
18 or on the same day as, the date of filing. The attorney or other
19 person filing the document represents, by the act of filing, that the
20 declarant has complied with this section. The attorney or other
21 person filing the document shall maintain the printed form of the
22 document bearing the original signature until final disposition of
23 the case, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 68151 of the
24 Government Code, and make it available for review and copying
25 upon the request of the court or any party to the action or
26 proceeding in which it is filed.

27 (ii) The person has signed the document using a computer or
28 other technology pursuant to the procedure set forth in a rule of
29 court adopted by the Judicial Council by January 1, 2019.

30 (3) Any document received electronically by the court between
31 12:00 a.m. and 11:59:59 p.m. on a court day shall be deemed filed
32 on that court day. Any document that is received electronically on
33 a noncourt day shall be deemed filed on the next court day.

34 (4) (A) Whichever of a court, an electronic filing service
35 provider, or an electronic filing manager is the first to receive a
36 document submitted for electronic filing shall promptly send a
37 confirmation of receipt of the document indicating the date and
38 time of receipt to the party or person who submitted the document.

39 (B) If a document received by the court under subparagraph (A)
40 complies with filing requirements and all required filing fees have

1 been paid, the court shall promptly send confirmation that the
2 document has been filed to the party or person who submitted the
3 document.

4 (C) If the clerk of the court does not file a document received
5 by the court under subparagraph (A) because the document does
6 not comply with applicable filing requirements or the required
7 filing fee has not been paid, the court shall promptly send notice
8 of the rejection of the document for filing to the party or person
9 who submitted the document. The notice of rejection shall state
10 the reasons that the document was rejected for filing and include
11 the date the clerk of the court sent the notice.

12 (D) If the court utilizes an electronic filing service provider or
13 electronic filing manager to send the notice of rejection described
14 in subparagraph (C), the electronic filing service provider or
15 electronic filing manager shall promptly send the notice of rejection
16 to the party or person who submitted the document. A notice of
17 rejection sent pursuant to this subparagraph shall include the date
18 the electronic filing service provider or electronic filing manager
19 sent the notice.

20 (E) If the clerk of the court does not file a complaint or cross
21 complaint because the complaint or cross complaint does not
22 comply with applicable filing requirements or the required filing
23 fee has not been paid, any statute of limitations applicable to the
24 causes of action alleged in the complaint or cross complaint shall
25 be tolled for the period beginning on the date on which the court
26 received the document and as shown on the confirmation of receipt
27 described in subparagraph (A), through the later of either the date
28 on which the clerk of the court sent the notice of rejection described
29 in subparagraph (C) or the date on which the electronic filing
30 service provider or electronic filing manager sent the notice of
31 rejection as described in subparagraph (D), plus one additional
32 day if the complaint or cross complaint is subsequently submitted
33 in a form that corrects the errors which caused the document to be
34 rejected. The party filing the complaint or cross complaint shall
35 not make any change to the complaint or cross complaint other
36 than those required to correct the errors which caused the document
37 to be rejected.

38 (5) Upon electronic filing of a complaint, petition, or other
39 document that must be served with a summons, a trial court, upon
40 request of the party filing the action, shall issue a summons with

1 the court seal and the case number. The court shall keep the
2 summons in its records and shall electronically transmit a copy of
3 the summons to the requesting party. Personal service of a printed
4 form of the electronic summons shall have the same legal effect
5 as personal service of an original summons.

6 (6) The court shall permit a party or attorney to file an
7 application for waiver of court fees and costs, in lieu of requiring
8 the payment of the filing fee, as part of the process involving the
9 electronic filing of a document. The court shall consider and
10 determine the application in accordance with Article 6
11 (commencing with Section 68630) of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the
12 Government Code and shall not require the party or attorney to
13 submit any documentation other than that set forth in Article 6
14 (commencing with Section 68630) of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the
15 Government Code. The court, an electronic filing service provider,
16 or an electronic filing manager shall waive any fees charged to a
17 party or the party's attorney if the party has been granted a waiver
18 of court fees pursuant to Section 68631 of the Government Code
19 or if the party is indigent or being represented by the public
20 defender or court-appointed counsel. The electronic filing manager
21 or electronic filing service provider shall not seek payment from
22 the court of any fee waived by the court. This section does not
23 require the court to waive a filing fee that is not otherwise
24 waivable.

25 (7) If a party electronically files a filing that is exempt from the
26 payment of filing fees under any other law, including a filing
27 described in Section 212 of the Welfare and Institutions Code or
28 Section 6103.9, subdivision (b) of Section 70617, or Section 70672
29 of the Government Code, the party shall not be required to pay
30 any court fees associated with the electronic filing. An electronic
31 filing service provider or an electronic filing manager shall not
32 seek payment of these fees from the court.

33 (8) A fee, if any, charged by the court, an electronic filing
34 service provider, or an electronic filing manager to process a
35 payment for filing fees and other court fees shall not exceed the
36 costs incurred in processing the payment.

37 (9) The court shall not charge fees for electronic filing and
38 service of documents that are more than the court's actual cost of
39 electronic filing and service of the documents.

1 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), if a trial court adopts
2 rules conforming to subdivision (e), it may provide by order,
3 subject to the requirements and conditions stated in paragraphs (2)
4 to (4), inclusive, of subdivision (g), and the rules adopted by the
5 Judicial Council under subdivision (i), that all parties to an action
6 file documents electronically in a class action, a consolidated
7 action, a group of actions, a coordinated action, or an action that
8 is deemed complex under Judicial Council rules, provided that the
9 trial court's order does not cause undue hardship or significant
10 prejudice to any party in the action.

11 (2) Unrepresented persons are exempt from any mandatory
12 electronic filing imposed pursuant to this subdivision.

13 (g) A trial court may, by local rule, require electronic filing in
14 civil actions, subject to the requirements and conditions stated in
15 subdivision (e), the rules adopted by the Judicial Council under
16 subdivision (i), and the following conditions:

17 (1) The court shall have the ability to maintain the official court
18 record in electronic format for all cases where electronic filing is
19 required.

20 (2) The court and the parties shall have access to more than one
21 electronic filing service provider capable of electronically filing
22 documents with the court or to electronic filing access directly
23 through the court. Any fees charged by an electronic filing service
24 provider shall be reasonable. An electronic filing manager or an
25 electronic filing service provider shall waive any fees charged if
26 the court deems a waiver appropriate, including in instances where
27 a party has received a fee waiver.

28 (3) The court shall have a procedure for the filing of
29 nonelectronic documents in order to prevent the program from
30 causing undue hardship or significant prejudice to any party in an
31 action, including, but not limited to, unrepresented parties. The
32 Judicial Council shall make a form available to allow a party to
33 seek an exemption from mandatory electronic filing and service
34 on the grounds provided in this paragraph.

35 (4) Unrepresented persons are exempt from mandatory electronic
36 filing imposed pursuant to this subdivision.

37 (5) Until January 1, 2021, a local child support agency, as
38 defined in subdivision (h) of Section 17000 of the Family Code,
39 is exempt from a trial court's mandatory electronic filing and
40 service requirements, unless the Department of Child Support

1 Services and the local child support agency determine it has the
2 capacity and functionality to comply with the trial court’s
3 mandatory electronic filing and service requirements.

4 (h) The Judicial Council shall adopt uniform rules for the
5 electronic filing and service of documents in the trial courts of the
6 state, which shall include statewide policies on vendor contracts,
7 privacy, and access to public records, and rules relating to the
8 integrity of electronic service. These rules shall conform to the
9 conditions set forth in this section, as amended from time to time.

10 (i) The Judicial Council shall adopt uniform rules to permit the
11 mandatory electronic filing and service of documents for specified
12 civil actions in the trial courts of the state, which shall include
13 statewide policies on vendor contracts, privacy, access to public
14 records, unrepresented parties, parties with fee waivers, hardships,
15 reasonable exceptions to electronic filing, and rules relating to the
16 integrity of electronic service. These rules shall conform to the
17 conditions set forth in this section, as amended from time to time.

18 (j) (1) Any system for the electronic filing and service of
19 documents, including any information technology applications,
20 internet websites and web-based applications, used by an electronic
21 service provider or any other vendor or contractor that provides
22 an electronic filing and service system to a trial court, regardless
23 of the case management system used by the trial court, shall satisfy
24 both of the following requirements:

25 (A) The system shall be accessible to individuals with
26 disabilities, including parties and attorneys with disabilities, in
27 accordance with Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of
28 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794d), as amended, the regulations
29 implementing that act set forth in Part 1194 of Title 36 of the Code
30 of Federal Regulations and Appendices A, C, and D of that part,
31 and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
32 Sec. 12101 et seq.).

33 (B) The system shall comply with the Web Content Accessibility
34 Guidelines 2.0 at a Level AA success criteria.

35 (2) Commencing on June 27, 2017, the vendor or contractor
36 shall provide an accommodation to an individual with a disability
37 in accordance with subparagraph (D) of paragraph (3).

38 (3) A trial court that contracts with an entity for the provision
39 of a system for electronic filing and service of documents shall

1 require the entity, in the trial court's contract with the entity, to do
2 all of the following:

3 (A) Test and verify that the entity's system complies with this
4 subdivision and provide the verification to the Judicial Council no
5 later than June 30, 2019.

6 (B) Respond to, and resolve, any complaints regarding the
7 accessibility of the system that are brought to the attention of the
8 entity.

9 (C) Designate a lead individual to whom any complaints
10 concerning accessibility may be addressed and post the individual's
11 name and contact information on the entity's internet website.

12 (D) Provide to an individual with a disability, upon request, an
13 accommodation to enable the individual to file and serve
14 documents electronically at no additional charge for any time
15 period that the entity is not compliant with paragraph (1).
16 Exempting an individual with a disability from mandatory
17 electronic filing and service of documents shall not be deemed an
18 accommodation unless the person chooses that as an
19 accommodation. The vendor or contractor shall clearly state on
20 its internet website that an individual with a disability may request
21 an accommodation and the process for submitting a request for an
22 accommodation.

23 (4) A trial court that provides electronic filing and service of
24 documents directly to the public shall comply with this subdivision
25 to the same extent as a vendor or contractor that provides electronic
26 filing and services to a trial court.

27 (5) (A) The Judicial Council shall submit four reports to the
28 appropriate committees of the Legislature relating to the trial courts
29 that have implemented a system of electronic filing and service of
30 documents. The first report is due by June 30, 2018; the second
31 report is due by December 31, 2019; the third report is due by
32 December 31, 2021; and the fourth report is due by December 31,
33 2023.

34 (B) The Judicial Council's reports shall include all of the
35 following information:

36 (i) The name of each court that has implemented a system of
37 electronic filing and service of documents.

38 (ii) A description of the system of electronic filing and service.

39 (iii) The name of the entity or entities providing the system.

1 (iv) A statement as to whether the system complies with this
2 subdivision and, if the system is not fully compliant, a description
3 of the actions that have been taken to make the system compliant.

4 (6) An entity that contracts with a trial court to provide a system
5 for electronic filing and service of documents shall cooperate with
6 the Judicial Council by providing all information, and by permitting
7 all testing, necessary for the Judicial Council to prepare its reports
8 to the Legislature in a complete and timely manner.

9 ~~SECTION 1. Section 7922.550 is added to the Government~~
10 ~~Code, immediately following Section 7922.545, to read:~~

11 ~~7922.550. (a) When a public agency receives a request for the~~
12 ~~personnel records of one of the public agency's employees, the~~
13 ~~public agency shall provide written notice to the employee within~~
14 ~~48 hours of receipt of the request if any of the following conditions~~
15 ~~are met:~~

16 ~~(1) The request includes a request for sensitive information~~
17 ~~concerning the employee or a family member of the employee,~~
18 ~~including, but not limited to, any of the following:~~

19 ~~(A) Photographs of the employee or family member.~~

20 ~~(B) The residential address of the employee or family member.~~

21 ~~(C) The medical history of the employee or family member.~~

22 ~~(2) The disclosure of the requested information could reasonably~~
23 ~~be considered to put the safety of the employee or a family member~~
24 ~~of the employee at risk.~~

25 ~~(3) The disclosure of the requested information would constitute~~
26 ~~an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy as described in Section~~
27 ~~7927.700.~~

28 ~~(b) The written notice required by subdivision (a) shall do all~~
29 ~~of the following:~~

30 ~~(1) Inform the employee of the specific records that were~~
31 ~~requested.~~

32 ~~(2) Inform the employee of the purpose for which the specific~~
33 ~~records were requested, if known by the public agency.~~

34 ~~(3) Inform the employee of who made the request.~~

35 ~~(4) Provide the employee with a means of contacting the public~~
36 ~~agency about the requested records.~~

37 ~~SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of~~
38 ~~this act, which adds Section 7922.550 of the Government Code,~~
39 ~~further, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b)~~
40 ~~of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes~~

1 of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public
2 access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of
3 local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7)
4 of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California
5 Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

6 It is in the public interest, and it furthers the purposes of
7 paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section (3) of Article I of the
8 California Constitution, to ensure that an employee of a public
9 agency has written notice of a public records request that requests
10 the disclosure of sensitive information, requests the disclosure of
11 information that would put the safety of the employee or the
12 employee's family members at risk, or would constitute an
13 unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

14 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
15 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
16 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
17 district under this act would result from a legislative mandate that
18 is within the scope of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section
19 3 of Article I of the California Constitution.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
ASSEMBLY VOLUNTEER AND UNPAID INTERN GUIDELINES**

ISSUE:

Adoption of the California State Assembly Volunteer and Unpaid Intern Guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

Volunteer and intern opportunities are a valuable way for individuals to get hands-on knowledge of the Legislature, and allow candidates to personally experience public service. The California State Assembly Volunteer and Unpaid Intern Guidelines (“Guidelines”) are intended to promote consistent and positive experiences for volunteers and unpaid interns who choose to engage in these positions within the State Assembly. The Guidelines address volunteer and unpaid intern selection, computer access, workspaces, photo IDs, parking, and other important considerations. Further, the Guidelines specifically outline supervisor responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

California State Assembly Volunteer and Unpaid Intern Guidelines

The following information details the guidelines and policies that govern Volunteer/Unpaid Intern (“Volunteer/Intern”) activity. Contact Assembly Rules Committee, Human Resources with questions or concerns involving Volunteers/Interns at (916) 319-3700.

Selecting Volunteers/Interns

Volunteers/Interns come to serve through various pathways and with differing goals. Some may desire to participate in a one-time event while some may want to volunteer occasionally. Others may participate in a formal program through a college or university with the intent to gain work experience within the Legislature. This guide is intended to address best practices for any kind of volunteer/intern – from casual to formal programs.

Volunteers/Interns should be at least 16 years of age or have completed the 10th grade.

Formal unpaid internships and long-term volunteer opportunities should be publicized and given special attention to ensure the process is equitable. This is critical because volunteering/interning in a Member’s office is a common pathway to a career in the Legislature.

If the office partners with an educational institution or other external agency, the Volunteer/Intern Supervisor should receive the outside agency’s selection process in writing to ensure the process is equitable. If the office conducts an internal process in addition to, or in place of, the external agency process, all Volunteers/Interns should be asked the same work-related questions. Furthermore, interview questions should be approved by Assembly Rules Committee, Human Resources. Lastly, selection should be based on merit measured on such factors as academic record, personal achievements, eagerness to learn, commitment level, references, and fit for the office.

Ensuring equity with casual volunteer opportunities is also important. While some volunteer relationships will occur through happenstance, each volunteer inquiry should be considered and evaluated fairly. For example, if a youth volunteer placement is made in the office as a result of a pre-existing relationship, inquiries from unknown youth should also be considered.

Volunteer/Intern Workspaces

Offices must ensure that Volunteers/Interns have a workstation and the appropriate equipment to complete their tasks (e.g., desk, computer, phone). If an office does not currently have a Volunteer/Intern workstation, a request may be submitted for consideration. Contact Assembly Rules Committee, Facilities to request an assessment of the office to ensure the existing workspace can accommodate the Volunteer/Intern in advance of any discussion with potential Volunteers/Interns.

Volunteer/Intern Duty Statements

Prior to pursuing a Volunteer/Intern, the office should identify the anticipated duties in a Volunteer/Intern Duty Statement (“Duty Statement”). The Duty Statement should be shared with individuals seeking to volunteer or intern in advance of their start date. Volunteers/Interns are not intended to supplant the work of regular employees, but instead should complement the work. Volunteers/Interns should be given meaningful duties—not limited to tasks such as answering phones, checking mailboxes, or making copies.

Some external agencies may have a Duty Statement and/or other written expectations of Volunteers/Interns and/or the Volunteer/Intern Supervisor. Prior to committing to host a Volunteer/Intern, ensure these Duty Statements are consistent with the office’s vision for the Volunteer/Intern’s responsibilities. In addition, prior to agreeing to any outside agency’s supervisor responsibilities document, submit the document to Assembly Rules, Human Resources at Human.Resources@asm.ca.gov for review.

College/University and Other External Program Participation Agreements

Any program agreements or contracts received by an external agency must be reviewed and signed by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) before a Volunteer/Intern may begin activity. Only the CAO has the authority to sign agreements.

Volunteers/Interns Receiving Stipends

Volunteers/Interns who are part of an external program that offers a stipend may be eligible to receive the stipend as long as the program is educational in nature. Contact the Legislative Ethics Committee at (916) 319-3752 for any questions.

Campaign Activity Involvement

Volunteers/Interns should not engage in campaign activity in the office and/or during hours designated for Volunteer/Intern work. Although Volunteers/Interns may have more flexibility with their time, they are prohibited from utilizing any state resources, including phones, computers, and copy machines for campaign purposes.

Policies

Volunteers/Interns are subject to all Assembly policies, including but not limited to, the *California Legislature Policy on Appropriate Workplace Conduct: Creating a Culture of Respect, Civility and Diversity* (“Policy”); the *Assembly Computer and Electronic Device Use Policy*; and the *Assembly Website Policy*.

Volunteer/Intern Supervisors are expected to personally review the above policies with Volunteers/Interns on their first day. Specific time to review and discuss the Policy is critical. Volunteers/Interns must be apprised of the Policy and the ability to contact the Workplace

Conduct Unit (WCU) should the need arise. The following must be discussed with Volunteers/Interns:

- You are subject to the Policy while volunteering/interning and Members, staff, lobbyists, contractors, and other Volunteers/Interns are subject to the Policy.
- Should you experience conduct that you believe may violate the Policy, you have the option to discuss your concern with your Volunteer/Intern Supervisor, or go directly to the WCU and/or Assembly Rules Committee, Human Resources.
- Volunteer/Intern Supervisors have a duty to report possible violations of the Policy.
- You are not required to attend any non-work related events.

Volunteer and Unpaid Intern Registration Form and Assembly Computer Account

At least three (3) business days prior to the start date of the volunteering/interning activity, the office's Computer Main Contact must submit a New Account Request via the [Assembly Request Portal \(ARP\)](#), with a signed and completed [Volunteer and Unpaid Intern Registration](#) form attached, for an Assembly computer account for the Volunteer/Intern. Once the form has been processed by the Assembly Rules Committee and the New Account Request has been approved, the Legislative Data Center (LDC) will begin working on the computer login credentials and will email them once completed (usually within 24 hours) to the Computer Main Contact who submitted the request.

Remote Access

To request Remote Access for a Volunteer/Intern, the office's Computer Main Contact must submit a Remote Access Request via the [ARP](#) with a signed and completed [Remote Access Form](#) attached. When submitting the request, the PC barcode of the computer the Volunteer/Intern will be remoting into must be included. Alternatively, a completed [Remote Access Form](#) with the PC barcode notated on the form may also be attached to the New Account Request. Multiple Volunteers/Interns may remote into the same Assembly computer; however, they cannot do so simultaneously. The office should stagger and coordinate the schedules to accommodate as such. Furthermore, a Capitol office that does not currently have the space to host a Volunteer/Intern is permitted to have the Volunteer/Intern remote into an open computer in the district office, and vice-versa.

Please note that the Assembly will not supply Volunteers/Interns with Assembly-owned computers or internet for use at home to remote into an Assembly computer.

Extending a Volunteer/Intern's Account and Activity

Each [Volunteer and Unpaid Intern Registration](#) form authorizes up to nine (9) months of volunteering/interning activity. To request an extension, the Computer Main Contact must submit a Modify Account Request with the new extension date via the [ARP](#). If the account is requested to be extended past nine (9) months, a new [Volunteer and Unpaid Intern Registration](#) form must be attached to apply to the next period of activity. Any activity beyond the total 18 months must be discussed with Assembly Rules Committee, Human Resources.

Assembly ID

After the [Volunteer and Unpaid Intern Registration](#) form is approved by the Assembly Rules Committee, Capitol office Volunteers/Interns may make an appointment with Sergeant-at-Arms, Photo ID and Keys to receive an Assembly ID. Volunteers/Interns are not permitted to work in the office unsupervised. Additionally, consider safety when determining volunteer/intern working hours.

Regional Transit Subsidy and Parking

Volunteers/Interns who use public transportation to commute to and/or from the office are eligible to receive reimbursement for up to 85% of the monthly cost of the transportation. Regional Transit (RT) merchandise (passes and tickets) must be purchased directly from the vendor website and the Volunteer/Intern must submit a [Staff Travel and Other Expenses Reimbursement](#) form with a receipt attached to the Assembly Rules Committee for processing.

Volunteers/Interns are not eligible for Assembly parking. For the Sacramento region, DGS-owned parking garages have a discounted \$8 daily parking rate that Volunteers/Interns are eligible to use if an Assembly ID is presented. Parking spots are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Trainings

Some Assembly Rules Committee, Capitol Institute training classes are available to Volunteers/Interns, excluding title-specific training courses. If Volunteers/Interns take required trainings for Assembly staff (e.g., Assembly Services; Violence Prevention; Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation Prevention), and they eventually become paid staff, their previous attendance may count towards fulfilling these requirements for the legislative year.