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Monday, March 10, 2025
10 minutes prior to Session
State Capitol, Room 126

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/7/2025
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 980 has changed.

The following measures have been added to the referral list: AB 5, AB 46, AB 52, AB 303, AB 325, AB 369, AB 422, AB 493, AB 567, AB 574, AB 597, AB 629, AB 674, AB 692, AB 712, AB 717, AB 792, AB 996, AB 1055, AB 1128, AB 1223, AB 1314, AB 1321, AB 1383, AB 1426, and HR 24.

AB 856 has been removed from the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/10/2025

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

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 2

Introduced by Assembly Member Jackson

December 2, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Relative to racial discrimination.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 2, as introduced, Jackson. United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

This measure would recognize March 21, 2025, as the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and declare racism as a public health crisis.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed
2 March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial
3 Discrimination, marking the day when police in Sharpeville, South
4 Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful protest
5 against apartheid laws in 1960; and

6 WHEREAS, Racial discrimination remains a persistent challenge
7 worldwide, undermining the dignity, rights, and potential of
8 individuals and communities; and

9 WHEREAS, The impact of racial discrimination is profound
10 and multifaceted, affecting individual lives and the fabric of
11 society; and

12 WHEREAS, Racial discrimination in education manifests
13 through biased treatment by teachers, unequal access to quality
14 educational resources, underfunded schools, and fewer

1 opportunities for advanced coursework and extracurricular
2 activities; and

3 WHEREAS, Racial discrimination in the workplace can result
4 in unequal opportunities for employment, promotions, and wages,
5 with individuals from marginalized racial groups often facing
6 barriers to career advancement, which perpetuates cycles of poverty
7 and limits access to resources and opportunities for future
8 generations; and

9 WHEREAS, Racial discrimination is prevalent in the criminal
10 justice system, where individuals from certain racial backgrounds
11 may face profiling, harsher sentencing, and higher rates of
12 incarceration; and

13 WHEREAS, Racial discrimination contributes to significant
14 health disparities, with marginalized groups often having limited
15 access to health care services and healthy food, facing biases within
16 medical settings, and experiencing poorer health outcomes; and

17 WHEREAS, This day serves as a reminder of the ongoing
18 struggle against racial discrimination and the need to promote
19 equality, justice, and human rights for all; and

20 WHEREAS, The 2025 observance of this day offers an
21 opportunity to reflect on the progress made in combating racial
22 discrimination, as well as the work that remains to be done to
23 eliminate all forms of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, or
24 color; and

25 WHEREAS, The recognition of this day encourages individuals,
26 communities, and nations to engage in dialogue, education, and
27 action to foster a culture of respect and understanding; now,
28 therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes March 21,
31 2025, as the United Nations International Day for the Elimination
32 of Racial Discrimination; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares racism a public health
34 crisis and will actively participate in the dismantling of racism;
35 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 2 (Jackson) – As Introduced December 2, 2024

SUBJECT: United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

SUMMARY: Recognizes March 21, 2025, as the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The United Nations General Assembly annually observes March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, marking the day when police in Sharpeville, South Africa opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful protest against apartheid laws in 1960.
- 2) Racial discrimination remains a persistent challenge worldwide, undermining the dignity, rights, and potential of individuals and communities. The impact of racial discrimination is profound and multifaceted, affecting individual lives and the fabric of society.
- 3) Racial discrimination in education manifests through biased treatment by teachers, unequal access to quality educational resources, underfunded schools, and fewer opportunities for advanced coursework and extracurricular activities.
- 4) Racial discrimination in the workplace can result in unequal opportunities for employment, promotions, and wages, with individuals from marginalized racial groups often facing barriers to career advancement, which perpetuates cycles of poverty and limits access to resources and opportunities for future generations.
- 5) Racial discrimination contributes to significant health disparities, with marginalized groups often having limited access to health care services and healthy food, facing biases within medical settings, and experiencing poorer health outcomes.
- 6) This day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle against racial discrimination and the need to promote equality, justice, and human rights for all.
- 7) The 2025 observance of this day offers an opportunity to reflect on the progress made in combating racial discrimination, as well as the work that remains to be done to eliminate all forms of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, or color.
- 8) The recognition of this day encourages individuals, communities, and nations to engage in dialogue, education, and action to foster a culture of respect and understanding.

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. 35

Introduced by Assembly Member Papan

February 18, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to Greek Independence Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 35, as introduced, Papan. Greek Independence Day.

This measure would designate March 25, 2025, as Greek Independence Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The ancient Greeks developed the concept of
2 democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in
3 the people; and
4 WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers of the United States drew
5 heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient
6 Greece in forming our representative democracy; and
7 WHEREAS, After centuries of unsuccessful uprisings and failure
8 of the Ottoman Empire to assimilate and convert the Greeks, the
9 Greek War of Independence began in 1821 rising up against 400
10 years of occupation and oppression by the Ottoman Turks. During
11 the dark years of the Ottoman occupation, thousands were killed
12 and tortured for attending church or teaching their children Greek
13 culture, history, and language; and
14 WHEREAS, For eight years the fighting ensued, until 1829,
15 when the Sultan Mahmud II, facing Russian troops at the gates of

1 Constantinople, accepted Greek independence with the Treaty of
2 Andrianople; and
3 WHEREAS, March 25, 2025, marks the 204th anniversary of
4 the rebellion and the tenacity of the Greek people to stand strong
5 against the Ottoman Empire; and
6 WHEREAS, Greece played a major role in the World War II
7 struggle to protect freedom and democracy; and
8 WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill said of the Greeks after this
9 fighting, “Hence we will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but
10 that heroes fight like Greeks”; and
11 WHEREAS, Greece and the United States of America are at
12 the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability,
13 and human rights; and
14 WHEREAS, Those and other ideals have forged a close bond
15 between our two nations and their peoples; and
16 WHEREAS, Greek Independence Day reminds us of the strong
17 principles and bonds that the United States of America and Greece
18 share, including commitment to the democratic ideals of justice
19 and freedom; and
20 WHEREAS, Approximately 3,000,000 Greek Americans have
21 joined mainstream society and began to make significant
22 contributions as Californians in the fields of finance, technology,
23 law, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and
24 government, as well as in other areas; and
25 WHEREAS, Today, we take special note of those citizens and
26 thank them for their innumerable contributions to our nation’s
27 cultural, economic, and political heritage; now, therefore, be it
28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates March
30 25, 2025, as “Greek Independence Day: A Day of Celebration of
31 Greek and American Democracy”; and be it further
32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the author for distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 35 (Papan) – As Introduced February 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Greek Independence Day.

SUMMARY: Designates March 25, 2025, as Greek Independence Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people. The Founding Fathers of the United States drew heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy.
- 2) After centuries of unsuccessful uprisings and failure of the Ottoman Empire to assimilate and convert the Greeks, the Greek War of Independence began in 1821, rising up against 400 years of occupation and oppression by the Ottoman Turks. During the dark years of the Ottoman occupation, thousands were killed and tortured for attending church or teaching their children Greek culture, history, and language.
- 3) March 25, 2025, marks the 204th anniversary of the rebellion and the tenacity of the Greek people to stand strong against the Ottoman Empire.
- 4) Greece and the United States of America are at the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights. These and other ideals have forged a close bond between our two nations and their peoples.
- 5) Approximately 3 million Greek Americans have joined mainstream society and begun to make significant contributions as Californians in the fields of finance, technology, law, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and government, as well as in other areas.
- 6) Greek Independence Day reminds us of the strong principles and bonds that the United States of America and Greece share, including a commitment to the democratic ideals of justice and freedom.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 46

Introduced by Assembly Member Soria

March 4, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 46, as introduced, Soria. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day.

This measure would declare that the Legislature honors the life and legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and proclaims March 15, 2025, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day, a day of remembrance and education to ensure that all Californians always honor and remember a vibrant guardian of equality for all.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Women’s History Month in the United States is
2 celebrated in March and commemorates and encourages the study,
3 observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American
4 history; and

5 WHEREAS, One of these historical leaders is Ruth Bader
6 Ginsburg of Brooklyn, New York, born on March 15, 1933, who
7 was one of the most notable and influential Justices to have served
8 on the United States Supreme Court; and

9 WHEREAS, Before her appointment to the Supreme Court in
10 1993, Justice Ginsburg had a respected legal career: she attended
11 Harvard Law School and graduated first in her class from Columbia
12 Law School; served as a law clerk to a judge of the United States
13 District Court; served as a law school professor at Rutgers Law

1 School from 1963 to 1972, and at Columbia Law School from
2 1972 to 1980; and was appointed a judge of the United States Court
3 of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1980; and

4 WHEREAS, As a woman and a person of the Jewish faith,
5 Justice Ginsburg endured gender and religious discrimination that
6 denied her employment opportunities. However, she overcame
7 gender and religious discrimination by becoming the first female
8 professor to earn tenure at Columbia Law School; and

9 WHEREAS, At Harvard Law School, Justice Ginsburg tackled
10 the challenges of motherhood and of a male-dominated school
11 where she was one of nine females in a 500-person class. She faced
12 gender-based discrimination from even the highest authorities
13 there, who chastised her for taking a man's spot at Harvard Law
14 School. Justice Ginsburg broke barriers and served as the first
15 female member of the Harvard Law Review and Columbia Law
16 Review, and later became the second woman appointed to the
17 United States Supreme Court. Due to her drive and persistence,
18 she was not deterred from pursuing her goals and Justice Ginsburg
19 truly paved the way for many women to follow; and

20 WHEREAS, As a young attorney, Justice Ginsburg was
21 instrumental in fighting for women's rights, launching the
22 Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union,
23 and from 1973 to 1976, winning five women's rights cases that
24 she argued before the United States Supreme Court. Justice
25 Ginsburg took a broad look at gender discrimination, fighting not
26 just for the women left behind, but also for the men who were
27 discriminated against. Through litigation, community outreach,
28 advocacy, and public education, Justice Ginsburg empowered poor
29 women, women of color, and immigrant women, who have been
30 subject to gender bias and who faced pervasive barriers to equality.
31 Justice Ginsburg worked to ensure that women and their families
32 could enjoy the benefits of full equality and participate in every
33 sphere of society; and

34 WHEREAS, The jurisprudence of Justice Ginsburg blended
35 moral purpose with precision and technical mastery of the law.
36 Justice Ginsburg's successful advocacy for gender equality
37 significantly changed the law as it affects women, including the
38 landmark decision of *Reed v. Reed*, 404 U.S. 71 (1971), the first
39 case to hold that discrimination on the basis of sex violated the
40 equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg was a champion for gender justice,
2 abortion rights, voting rights, the rights of immigrants, and the
3 rights of LGBTQ+ individuals. Justice Ginsburg steadfastly
4 protected the rights of African Americans, women, immigrants,
5 gays and lesbians, persons accused of crimes, political dissidents,
6 and other groups in our society whose rights and interests are too
7 often disregarded by a hostile or indifferent majority. She was
8 devoted to the preservation of a fair electoral system, whether the
9 issue was campaign finance reform, gerrymandered legislative
10 districts, or expanding and preserving voting rights; and

11 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg became a leader, writing majority
12 opinions in *U.S. v. Virginia* 518 U.S. 515 (1996), holding that the
13 Virginia Military Institute’s male-only policy violated the Equal
14 Protection Clause, which led the institution to admit 30 women in
15 the fall of 1997, the institution’s first ever co-ed class; in *Olmstead*
16 *v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), holding that the
17 federal Americans with Disabilities Act required states to place
18 persons with mental disabilities in community settings rather than
19 institutions when feasible; and concurring in *Safford Unified*
20 *School Dist. No. 1 v. Redding*, 557 U.S. 364 (2009) that the strip
21 search of a middle school student violated the student’s Fourth
22 Amendment rights against unreasonable searches and seizures;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Her oral dissent in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire &*
25 *Rubber Co., Inc.*, 550 U.S. 618 (2007) pushed the United States
26 Congress to enact, and President Barack Hussein Obama to sign,
27 equal pay legislation in 2009, by rejecting a pay discrimination
28 case on a technicality. She defended women’s reproductive freedom
29 in several cases and supported gay marriage. In other cases, Justice
30 Ginsburg defended affirmative action against a legal onslaught,
31 and poignantly noted in interviews that she and many other women
32 had benefited from the practice; and

33 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg died on September 18, 2020, at
34 87 years of age after a long battle with cancer, and became the
35 first woman and the first Jewish person to lie in state in 168 years
36 and only the second United States Supreme Court Justice to lie in
37 state; and

38 WHEREAS, The nation and our state are deeply indebted to
39 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a truly distinguished American; now,
40 therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature honors the life and legacy
3 of United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and
4 proclaims March 15, 2025, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day,
5 a day of remembrance and education to ensure that all Californians
6 always honor and remember a vibrant guardian of equality for all;
7 and be it further
8 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
9 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 46 (Soria) – As Introduced March 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day.

SUMMARY: Honors the life and legacy of United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and proclaims March 15, 2025, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day, a day of remembrance and education to ensure that all Californians always honor and remember a vibrant guardian of equality for all. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Women’s History Month in the United States is celebrated in March, and commemorates and encourages the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. One of these historical leaders is Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was one of the most notable and influential Justices to have served on the United States Supreme Court.
- 2) The jurisprudence of Justice Ginsburg blended moral purpose with precision and technical mastery of the law. Justice Ginsburg’s successful advocacy for gender equality significantly changed the law as it affects women, including the landmark decision of *Reed v. Reed*, 404 U.S. 71 (1971), the first case to hold that discrimination on the basis of sex violated the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- 3) Justice Ginsburg was a champion for gender justice, abortion rights, voting rights, the rights of immigrants, and the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals. Justice Ginsburg steadfastly protected the rights of African Americans, women, immigrants, gays and lesbians, persons accused of crimes, political dissidents, and other groups in our society whose rights and interests are too often disregarded by a hostile or indifferent majority. She was devoted to the preservation of a fair electoral system, whether the issue was campaign finance reform, gerrymandered legislative districts, or expanding and preserving voting rights.
- 4) Her oral dissent in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Inc.*, 550 U.S. 618 (2007) pushed the United States Congress to enact, and President Barack Hussein Obama to sign, equal pay legislation in 2009 by rejecting a pay discrimination case on a technicality. She defended women’s reproductive freedom in several cases and supported gay marriage. In other cases, Justice Ginsburg defended affirmative action against a legal onslaught, and poignantly noted in interviews that she and many other women had benefited from the practice.
- 5) Justice Ginsburg died on September 18, 2020, at 87 years of age after a long battle with cancer, and became the first woman and the first Jewish person to lie in state in 168 years and only the second United States Supreme Court Justice to lie in state.
- 6) The nation and our state are deeply indebted to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a truly distinguished American.

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. 47

Introduced by Assembly Member Chen

March 4, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to National Surveyors Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 47, as introduced, Chen. National Surveyors Week

This measure would proclaim March 16, 2025, through March 22, 2025, as National Surveyors Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, There are over 45,000 professional surveyors in
2 the United States, and approximately 4,000 in the State of
3 California; and

4 WHEREAS, Surveying is the art and science of accurately
5 determining the position of points and the distances between them,
6 and is often used to establish land boundaries for ownership or
7 governmental purposes; and

8 WHEREAS, Surveying has been an essential element in the
9 development of the human environment since the beginning of
10 recorded history and is required in the planning and execution of
11 nearly every form of construction, with its most familiar modern
12 uses in the fields of transportation, building and construction,
13 communications, mapping, and the definition of legal boundaries
14 for land ownership; and

1 WHEREAS, In order to accomplish their objective, surveyors
2 use elements of engineering, physics, mathematics, law, and
3 history; and

4 WHEREAS, Since the colonial days of the United States,
5 surveyors have been leaders in the community, statesmen,
6 influential citizens, and shapers of cultural standards; and

7 WHEREAS, Former notable surveyors include George
8 Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Meriwether
9 Lewis, William Clark, Daniel Boone, and Henry David Thoreau,
10 among many others; and

11 WHEREAS, It was the work of the surveyor that determined
12 the boundaries of land, the greatest economic asset in the colonies
13 and territories that became the United States, including California;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The nature of surveying has changed dramatically
16 over time, as it is no longer limited to the description and location
17 of land boundaries; and

18 WHEREAS, Hydrographic surveys are important to the use of
19 all bodies of water; and

20 WHEREAS, Design surveys are used in the study and selection
21 of engineering construction; and

22 WHEREAS, Geodetic surveys determine precise global
23 positioning for activities such as aircraft and missile navigation;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Cartographic surveys are used for mapping and
26 charting as well as photogrammetry, the science of using aerial
27 photographs for measurement and map production; and

28 WHEREAS, Many services are now provided through the use
29 of sophisticated surveying equipment and techniques, including
30 satellite-borne remote sensing devices and automated positioning,
31 measuring, recording, and plotting equipment; and

32 WHEREAS, The establishment of the week of March 16 through
33 March 22, 2025, as National Surveyors Week is a fitting tribute
34 to all surveyors; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the week of
37 March 16, 2025, through March 22, 2025, as National Surveyors
38 Week; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 47 (Chen) – As Introduced March 4, 2025

SUBJECT: National Surveyors Week

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of March 16 through March 22, 2025, as National Surveyors Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Surveying is the art and science of accurately determining the position of points and the distances between them, and is often used to establish land boundaries for ownership or governmental purposes.
- 2) There are over 45,000 professional surveyors in the United States, and approximately 4,000 in the State of California.
- 3) Surveying has been an essential element in the development of the human environment since the beginning of recorded history and is required in the planning and execution of nearly every form of construction, with its most familiar modern uses in the fields of transportation, building and construction, communications, mapping, and the definition of legal boundaries for land ownership.
- 4) The nature of surveying has changed dramatically over time, as it is no longer limited to the description and location of land boundaries. In order to accomplish their objective, surveyors use elements of engineering, physics, mathematics, law, and history.
- 5) Since the colonial days of the United States, surveyors have been leaders in the community, statesmen, influential citizens, and shapers of cultural standards. Former notable surveyors include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, Daniel Boone, and Henry David Thoreau, among many others.
- 6) The establishment of the week of March 16 through March 22, 2025, as National Surveyors Week is a fitting tribute to all surveyors.

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. 48

Introduced by Assembly Member DeMaio

March 4, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Women in STEM Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 48, as introduced, DeMaio. Women in STEM Day.

This measure would proclaim March 22, 2025, as California Women in STEM Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California as a state is committed towards
2 promoting diversity and gender equality by ensuring that all
3 genders have equal opportunity in science, technology, engineering,
4 and math (STEM); and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout history, women have made extensive
6 contributions in the areas of STEM; and

7 WHEREAS, Data indicates that gender image, as it relates to
8 STEM subjects in school, may impact a young woman’s aspirations
9 to pursue studies in STEM-related majors at the college level; and

10 WHEREAS, Women are underrepresented in STEM-related
11 fields, comprising approximately 35 percent of workers in
12 STEM-related jobs, despite advancements in technology which
13 have resulted in an increased number of STEM jobs overall; and

14 WHEREAS, Female scientists and engineers have occupations
15 concentrated in the fields of life, physical, and social sciences (48.6
16 percent) with relatively low shares in architecture and engineering

1 (17.2 percent) and computer and mathematical (26 percent)
2 occupations as compared to men; and

3 WHEREAS, The percentage of women occupying computer
4 and mathematical occupations has decreased compared to the past
5 (26.9 percent); and

6 WHEREAS, Women have made enormous strides in making
7 up biological (55 percent), chemical and material (36 percent),
8 and engineering (16.6 percent) occupations compared to the past;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Without women, many of the advancements in
11 STEM would not be seen in today's society; and

12 WHEREAS, California encourages the participation of women
13 to join STEM careers to level the gender imbalances within those
14 careers; and

15 WHEREAS, California celebrates, supports, and commends
16 those who have aided in furthering the participation and
17 involvement of women in STEM careers and activities; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims March 22,*
21 *2025, as California Women in STEM Day; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 48 (DeMaio) – As Introduced March 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Women in STEM Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 22, 2025, as California Women in STEM Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California as a state is committed to promoting diversity and gender equality by ensuring that all genders have equal opportunity in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Throughout history, women have made extensive contributions in the areas of STEM.
- 2) Women are underrepresented in STEM-related fields, comprising approximately 35 percent of workers in STEM-related jobs, despite advancements in technology which have resulted in an increased number of STEM jobs overall. Data indicates that gender image, as it relates to STEM subjects in school, may impact a young woman's aspirations to pursue studies in STEM-related majors at the college level.
- 3) Female scientists and engineers have occupations concentrated in the fields of life, physical, and social sciences (48.6 percent) with relatively low shares in architecture and engineering (17.2 percent) and computer and mathematical (26 percent) occupations as compared to men.
- 4) Women have made enormous strides in making up biological (55 percent), chemical and material (36 percent), and engineering (16.6 percent) occupations compared to the past.
- 5) California encourages the participation of women to join STEM careers to level the gender imbalances within those careers. Without women, many of the advancements in STEM would not be seen in today's society.

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. 9

Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey

January 14, 2025

House Resolution No. 9—Relative to Long COVID Awareness Day.

1 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has affected millions
2 of individuals globally, leading to unprecedented health, social,
3 and economic challenges; and

4 WHEREAS, While many individuals recover from COVID-19
5 within weeks, a significant number of people experience lingering
6 symptoms and complications that persist for months, commonly
7 referred to as Long COVID or Post-Acute Sequelae of
8 SARS-CoV-2 infection (PASC); and

9 WHEREAS, Long COVID manifests through a wide range of
10 symptoms including, but not limited to, fatigue, cognitive
11 difficulties, respiratory problems, cardiovascular issues, and mental
12 health challenges, impacting the quality of life and daily
13 functioning of affected individuals; and

14 WHEREAS, Current research indicates that Long COVID can
15 affect people of all ages, including children, regardless of the
16 severity of their initial COVID-19 infection; and

17 WHEREAS, There is evidence that vaccination against
18 COVID-19 significantly reduces the risk of severe illness and
19 complications, including the likelihood of developing Long
20 COVID; and

21 WHEREAS, It is crucial to continue promoting COVID-19
22 vaccinations to protect individuals from severe disease and to
23 potentially mitigate the long-term impacts of the virus; and

1 WHEREAS, There is a critical need for increased public
2 awareness and understanding of Long COVID to support those
3 affected, promote early recognition, and encourage the development
4 of effective treatments and interventions; and
5 WHEREAS, Health care providers, researchers, and public
6 health officials must collaborate to improve diagnostic criteria,
7 treatment protocols, and support systems for individuals suffering
8 from Long COVID; and
9 WHEREAS, It is essential to support and advocate for Long
10 COVID patients in their journey toward recovery, ensuring they
11 have access to appropriate health care, rehabilitation services, and
12 workplace accommodations; and
13 WHEREAS, Raising awareness about Long COVID will foster
14 greater empathy, reduce stigma, and enhance the collective efforts
15 to address this emerging public health challenge; and
16 WHEREAS, The first Monday in March marks COVID-19
17 Memorial Day, an opportunity for remembrance of those we lost,
18 recognition of caregivers' efforts, and reflection on lessons learned
19 for future preparedness; and
20 WHEREAS, The Legislature urges all citizens to educate
21 themselves about Long COVID, support those who are affected,
22 get vaccinated against COVID-19, and contribute to the ongoing
23 efforts to combat this condition through research, advocacy, and
24 community engagement; now, therefore, be it
25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
26 day of March 15, 2025, is Long COVID Awareness Day; and be
27 it further
28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 9 (Lackey) – As Introduced January 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Long COVID Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes March 15, 2025, as Long COVID Awareness Day and urges all citizens to educate themselves about Long COVID, support those who are affected, get vaccinated against COVID-19, and contribute to the ongoing efforts to combat this condition. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The COVID-19 pandemic has affected millions of individuals globally, leading to unprecedented health, social, and economic challenges.
- 2) While many individuals recover from COVID-19 within weeks, a significant number of people experience lingering symptoms and complications that persist for months, commonly referred to as Long COVID, or Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection (PASC).
- 3) Long COVID manifests through a wide range of symptoms including, but not limited to, fatigue, cognitive difficulties, respiratory problems, cardiovascular issues, and mental health challenges, impacting the quality of life and daily functioning of affected individuals.
- 4) Current research indicates that Long COVID can affect people of all ages, including children, regardless of the severity of their initial COVID-19 infection.
- 5) There is evidence that vaccination against COVID-19 significantly reduces the risk of severe illness and complications, including the likelihood of developing Long COVID. It is crucial to continue promoting COVID-19 vaccinations to protect individuals from severe disease and to potentially mitigate the long-term impacts of the virus.
- 6) The first Monday in March marks COVID-19 Memorial Day, an opportunity for remembrance of those we lost, recognition of caregivers' efforts, and reflection on lessons learned for future preparedness. Raising awareness about Long COVID will foster greater empathy, reduce stigma, and enhance the collective efforts to address this emerging public health challenge.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Chronic Care Coalition (CCCC)

Opposition

None on file

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



February 13, 2025

The Honorable Tom Lackey
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 5340
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: HR 9 (Lackey) Relative to Long COVID Awareness Day – Support

Dear Assemblymember Lackey:

The California Chronic Care Coalition (CCCC) is proud to support House Resolution 9, which recognizes March 15, 2025, as Long COVID Awareness Day.

CCCC is a unique alliance of more than 30 leading consumer health organizations, including physician and provider groups representing Californians living with chronic conditions. We advise and promote the collaborative work of policy makers, industry leaders, and patient-centered stakeholders emphasizing access to affordable, quality healthcare focusing on all levels of prevention, coordinated care, and the wellness and longevity of patients.

Five years after the COVID-19 pandemic first began, 17.5 million Americans continue to grapple with the lingering effects of Long COVID, which, according to the Center for Disease Control, can result in chronic conditions requiring comprehensive care and may cause disability. Long COVID includes a wide range of ongoing symptoms that lasts at least three months after a patient clears the initial infection.

Long COVID can affect individuals of all ages and backgrounds, yet studies have shown that some people are more likely to develop it, including people with underlying health conditions. HR 9 will help raise awareness and continue the push to understand Long COVID through advancing medical research, better support for patients, and more adequate medical diagnosis.

For these reasons, CCCC is proud to support HR 9 and thanks you for your leadership on this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Helms", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Liz Helms
President & CEO
California Chronic Care Coalition

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 3, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 17

Introduced by Assembly Member Dixon

February 21, 2025

House Resolution No. 17—Relative to women in carpentry.

1 WHEREAS, Bridging Outstanding Opportunities with
2 Tradeswomen Skills (B.O.O.T.S.) is a four-week preapprenticeship
3 program designed by ~~the Council of Carpenters~~ *the Southwest*
4 *Mountain States Carpenters Training Fund* to empower and assist
5 women who are interested in becoming a union carpenter; and

6 WHEREAS, The B.O.O.T.S. program assists women in
7 obtaining meaningful training opportunities, and serves as an
8 introduction to carpentry, workplace safety, math, framing, concrete
9 form building, and more; and

10 WHEREAS, The B.O.O.T.S. program identifies, recruits, and
11 prepares women to be successful on the job. B.O.O.T.S. helps lay
12 the groundwork for the cultural changes needed at construction
13 sites by working with established community-based organizations
14 that primarily assist women in the trades; and

15 WHEREAS, The percentage of women in apprenticeships across
16 all programs in California is 2.6 percent, and there are 376 women
17 enrolled in B.O.O.T.S. in California, where 74 percent graduate
18 and are hired by signatory contractors; and

19 WHEREAS, Women bring valuable skills and expertise to the
20 workforce and play a crucial role in supporting the economy
21 through their contributions to the trades, and their involvement in

1 construction projects drives economic growth and supports
2 community development; and

3 WHEREAS, As more women enter the trades, they assist in
4 filling critical skill gaps, which ensures a steady supply of trained
5 professionals; and

6 WHEREAS, Participation by women in the trades drives industry
7 growth by enabling teams to effectively handle larger and more
8 complex projects; and

9 WHEREAS, Programs like B.O.O.T.S. empower women to
10 succeed in the industry, which facilitates generationally
11 transformative change within their families and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The inclusion of women in the trades promotes
13 diversity, which is essential for innovation and creativity. A diverse
14 workforce brings fresh perspectives and ideas, which enhances
15 problem-solving capabilities and addresses challenges within the
16 industry; and

17 WHEREAS, Women in the trades serve as role models and
18 mentors, inspiring future generations and fostering a more inclusive
19 workforce; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
21 *Assembly hereby recognizes the importance of women in carpentry,*
22 *specifically the success of ~~the Council of Carpenters~~² *the Southwest*
23 *Mountain States Carpenters Training Fund's B.O.O.T.S. program;*
24 *and be it further**

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

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 17 (Dixon) – As Amended March 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Women in Carpentry.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the importance of women in carpentry, and specifically the success of the Southwest Mountain States Carpenters Training Fund’s B.O.O.T.S. program. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Bridging Outstanding Opportunities with Tradeswomen Skills (B.O.O.T.S.) is a four-week pre-apprenticeship program designed by the Southwest Mountain States Carpenters Training Fund to empower and assist women who are interested in becoming a union carpenter.
- 2) The B.O.O.T.S. program assists women in obtaining meaningful training opportunities, and serves as an introduction to carpentry, workplace safety, math, framing, concrete form building, and more. The program identifies, recruits, and prepares women to be successful on the job. B.O.O.T.S. helps lay the groundwork for the cultural changes needed at construction sites by working with established community-based organizations that primarily assist women in the trades.
- 3) The percentage of women in apprenticeships across all programs in California is 2.6 percent, and there are 376 women enrolled in B.O.O.T.S. in California, where 74 percent graduate and are hired by signatory contractors.
- 4) Women bring valuable skills and expertise to the workforce and play a crucial role in supporting the economy through their contributions to the trades, and their involvement in construction projects drives economic growth and supports community development.
- 5) The inclusion of women in the trades promotes diversity, which is essential for innovation and creativity. A diverse workforce brings fresh perspectives and ideas, which enhances problem-solving capabilities and addresses challenges within the industry. Women in the trades serve as role models and mentors, inspiring future generations and fostering a more inclusive workforce.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 4, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 18

Introduced by Assembly ~~Member~~ Members *Gabriel and Nguyen*

February 24, 2025

House Resolution No. 18—Relative to Nowroz.

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Nowroz has been celebrated for over 3,000 years
2 in many countries, such as the United States, Afghanistan, Albania
3 (by Bektashi Muslims), Armenia (by Iranian Armenians, Kurds,
4 and Yezidis), Azerbaijan, Bangladesh (by Bangladeshi Shia
5 Muslims and others), China (by Tajiks and Turkic peoples),
6 Georgia (by Azerbaijanis), India (by Iranis, Parsis, and some Indian
7 Muslims), Iran, Iraq (by Kurds and Turkmens), Israel (by Persian
8 Jews, Kurdish Jews, Mountain Jews, and Bukharan Jews), Kashmir,
9 Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Northern Cyprus, Pakistan (by Balochs,
10 Baltis, Iranis, Parsis, and Pashtuns), Russia (by Tabasarans), Syria
11 (by Kurds), Tajikistan, Turkey (by Azerbaijanis, Kurds, and
12 Yoruks), Turkmenistan, Ukraine (by Crimean Tatars), and
13 Uzbekistan; and

14 WHEREAS, Nowroz is celebrated by Americans of all
15 backgrounds, including those with Baha'i, Christian, Jewish,
16 Muslim, Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds; and

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

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

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

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
40 *Assembly joins all communities throughout the state in celebrating*

1 the Spring Equinox, recognizes March 21, 2025, as the
2 International Day of Nowroz, and extends best wishes for a
3 peaceful and prosperous Nowroz to all Californians; and be it
4 further

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

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9 **CORRECTIONS:** _____

10 **Text—Pages 1, 2, and 3.**

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 18 (Gabriel) – As Amended March 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Nowruz.

SUMMARY: Celebrates March 21, 2025, as the International Day of Nowruz, and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowruz to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

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

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

House Resolution

No. 19

**Introduced by Assembly Members Soria and Alanis
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Connolly,
Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Irwin, and Ransom)**

February 25, 2025

House Resolution No. 19—Relative to California Agriculture Day.

1 WHEREAS, March 19, 2025, is designated as California
2 Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture’s
3 importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians
4 nourished, and its role in keeping the state’s economy ranked as
5 the fifth largest in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The theme of California Agriculture Day 2025 is
7 “Ag at work: Cultivating Careers & Communities” in recognition
8 of the vital role that agriculture plays in our state. From nurturing
9 careers to building vibrant communities, our agricultural industry
10 is the backbone of California. Let us honor the dedication and hard
11 work of those in the agricultural sector who help feed the nation
12 and sustain our communities; and

13 WHEREAS, For more than 60 consecutive years, California
14 has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing
15 more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for over
16 one-third of vegetables and nearly three-quarters of the fruits and
17 nuts produced in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Farming and related industries employ more than
19 22.1 million people, making up over 10.4 percent of employment
20 in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, California’s agricultural community relies on a
22 vital infrastructure that aids in the exclusion and early detection

1 of plant and animal pests and diseases that impact public health,
2 the environment, and commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, The inexhaustible efforts of millions of
4 farmworkers have contributed greatly to the success of the industry;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Today’s agricultural industry offers over 200
7 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm
8 cultivation to food science and engineering; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, advances in
10 agricultural production have resulted in a drop in consumer
11 spending on food products from 22 percent of average household
12 disposable income in 1949 to 11.2 percent in 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, California is the nation’s leader in agricultural
14 exports, shipping \$23.6 billion in food and agricultural
15 commodities around the world in 2022, which represents a 4.4
16 percent increase from the previous year; and

17 WHEREAS, California is the nation’s sole exporter of many
18 agricultural commodities, supplying 99 percent or more of the
19 nation’s exported almonds, artichokes, dates, figs, garlic, kiwifruit,
20 olives and olive oil, pistachios, prunes, raisins, table grapes,
21 tomatoes for processing, and walnuts; and

22 WHEREAS, California’s agricultural industry constantly seeks
23 to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production
24 and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing
25 consumer needs and complex world markets; and

26 WHEREAS, Science, technology, and innovation have enabled
27 California agriculture to continually improve quality, safety, and
28 consumer product choice, and drive advancements in organic
29 production, reduced water use, and more sustainable pest
30 management practices, including biological controls; and

31 WHEREAS, California agriculture has provided strong
32 leadership in the adoption of climate-smart practices to reduce
33 methane and other greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy
34 efficiency, save water, and scale up soil health practices to
35 sequester carbon and other solutions to climate change; and

36 WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are continually being
37 developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices
38 on the farm, in transit, and during processing; and

39 WHEREAS, California consumers say that it is important to
40 them to purchase food items grown in the state and they have

1 demonstrated increased support of farmers’ markets,
2 community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm to School
3 programs; and

4 WHEREAS, A broad approach to agricultural education is vital
5 to ensuring that California agricultural farms and ranches continue
6 to flourish; and

7 WHEREAS, California is estimated to lose 797,400 acres of
8 agricultural land by 2040, and more than 300,000 acres of it will
9 have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California
10 should continue to work for conservation to preserve California’s
11 agricultural heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize
13 our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in
14 providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
17 Assembly recognizes and honors all those who work in California
18 agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating
19 Wednesday, March 19, 2025, as California Agriculture Day and
20 by observing March 18, 2025, as National Agriculture Day; and
21 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 19 (Soria) – As Introduced February 25, 2025

SUBJECT: California Agriculture Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating March 19, 2025, as California Agriculture Day and by observing March 18, 2025, as National Agriculture Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March 19, 2025, is designated as California Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture’s importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians nourished, and its role in keeping the state’s economy ranked as the fifth largest in the world.
- 2) The theme of California Agriculture Day 2025 is “Ag at Work: Cultivating Careers & Communities” in recognition of the vital role that agriculture plays in our state. From nurturing careers to building vibrant communities, our agricultural industry is the backbone of California. Let us honor the dedication and hard work of those in the agricultural sector who help feed the nation and sustain our communities.
- 3) For more than 60 consecutive years, California has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for over one-third of vegetables and nearly three-quarters of the fruits and nuts produced in the United States.
- 4) Farming and related industries employ more than 22.1 million people, making up over 10.4 percent of employment in the United States.
- 5) Today’s agricultural industry offers over 200 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering.
- 6) California is the nation’s leader in agricultural exports, shipping \$23.6 billion of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2022.
- 7) California is the nation’s sole exporter of many agricultural commodities, supplying 99 percent or more of the nation’s exported almonds, artichokes, dates, figs, garlic, kiwifruit, olives and olive oil, pistachios, prunes, raisins, table grapes, tomatoes for processing, and walnuts.
- 8) California’s agricultural industry constantly seeks to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world markets.
- 9) Science, technology, and innovation have enabled California agriculture to continually improve quality, safety, and consumer product choice, and drive advancements in organic

production, reduced water use, and more sustainable pest management practices, including biological controls.

- 10) Public-private partnerships are continually being developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices on the farm, in transit, and during processing.
- 11) California consumers say that it is important to them to purchase food items grown in the state and they have demonstrated increased support of farmers' markets, community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm-to-School programs.
- 12) California is estimated to lose 797,400 acres of agricultural land by 2040, and more than 300,000 acres of it will have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California should continue to work for conservation to preserve California's agricultural heritage.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

House Resolution

No. 22

Introduced by Assembly Member Soria

March 4, 2025

House Resolution No. 22—Relative to Groundwater Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, Groundwater is a vital natural resource essential
2 to the health, safety, and prosperity of both urban and rural
3 California residents and to the functioning of California’s many
4 industries, including agriculture; and

5 WHEREAS, Groundwater accounts for 41 percent of the state’s
6 total annual water supply on average, and as much as 60 percent
7 of the total annual water supply in critically dry years; and

8 WHEREAS, About 83 percent of Californians depend on
9 groundwater for some portion of their water supply, and many
10 communities are 100 percent reliant on groundwater for all of their
11 water needs; and

12 WHEREAS, As climate change leads to reduced snowpack and
13 reduced availability of water in California’s streams and rivers,
14 the demand for groundwater to fulfill California’s water needs will
15 only increase with time; and

16 WHEREAS, The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
17 (SGMA) (Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division
18 6 of the Water Code) was passed into law in September 2014,
19 establishing a new structure for the management of groundwater
20 resources in California while clearly recognizing that groundwater
21 management is most effectively and efficiently accomplished
22 locally; and

1 WHEREAS, In their efforts to implement SGMA, groundwater
2 sustainability agencies throughout the state are creating and
3 implementing groundwater sustainability plans to sustainably
4 manage groundwater basins through efforts like reductions to
5 groundwater pumping, the development and implementation of
6 projects that benefit the overall sustainability of our water supply,
7 and protecting and replenishing groundwater aquifers; and

8 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 685 (Chapter 524 of the Statutes of
9 2012) was passed into law in September 2012, making California
10 the first state in the nation to recognize that “every human being
11 has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water
12 adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes”;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The ongoing responsible management of
15 groundwater will be crucial in meeting both the requirements of
16 SGMA and ensuring every Californian’s right to water; and

17 WHEREAS, The National Ground Water Association declares
18 that a full week of March each year shall be known as Groundwater
19 Awareness Week to bring awareness through education and public
20 outreach to the importance of effective management, protection,
21 and conservation of groundwater resources; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
23 *Assembly hereby recognizes and declares March 9, 2025, through*
24 *March 15, 2025, as Groundwater Awareness Week; and be it*
25 *further*

26 *Resolved, That the Assembly seeks to raise awareness about the*
27 *importance of groundwater resources to California as a state and*
28 *the people that rely on groundwater for their basic and fundamental*
29 *human needs; and be it further*

30 *Resolved, That the Assembly is committed to proactive*
31 *leadership in the management of those resources; 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: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 22 (Soria) – As Introduced March 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Groundwater Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Declares March 9, 2025, through March 15, 2025, as Groundwater Awareness Week to raise awareness about the importance of groundwater resources to California as a state and the people that rely on groundwater for their basic and fundamental human needs. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Groundwater is a vital natural resource essential to the health, safety, and prosperity of both urban and rural California residents and to the functioning of California’s many industries, including agriculture.
- 2) Groundwater accounts for 41 percent of the state’s total annual water supply on average, and as much as 60 percent of the total annual water supply in critically dry years. About 83 percent of Californians depend on groundwater for some portion of their water supply, and many communities are 100 percent reliant on groundwater for all of their water needs.
- 3) As climate change leads to reduced snowpack and reduced availability of water in California’s streams and rivers, the demand for groundwater to fulfill California’s water needs will only increase with time.
- 4) The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (Part 2.74 [commencing with Section 10720] of Division 6 of the Water Code) was passed into law in September 2014, establishing a new structure for the management of groundwater resources in California while clearly recognizing that groundwater management is most effectively and efficiently accomplished locally.
- 5) In their efforts to implement SGMA, groundwater sustainability agencies throughout the state are creating and implementing groundwater sustainability plans to sustainably manage groundwater basins through efforts like reductions to groundwater pumping, the development and implementation of projects that benefit the overall sustainability of our water supply, and protecting and replenishing groundwater aquifers.
- 6) Assembly Bill 685 (Chapter 524 of the Statutes of 2012) was passed into law in September 2012, making California the first state in the nation to recognize that “every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.”
- 7) The ongoing responsible management of groundwater will be crucial in meeting both the requirements of SGMA and ensuring every Californian’s right to water.
- 8) The National Ground Water Association declares that a full week of March each year shall be known as Groundwater Awareness Week to bring awareness through education and public outreach to the importance of effective management, protection, and conservation of groundwater resources.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Niello

January 28, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to Montessori Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 17, as introduced, Niello. Montessori Month

This measure would designate February 2025 as Montessori Month, and would urge all Californians to take note of that month and to participate fittingly in its observance.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Montessori, a native of Italy whose
2 observations of children and their development led her to design
3 what has come to be known as the Montessori Method of education,
4 provided to the world a great departure from the educational
5 philosophies of the early 20th century and instituted a movement
6 that has spanned the globe and continues today to influence
7 educational practices throughout California, the United States, and
8 the world; and
9 WHEREAS, A system for the education of children from birth
10 through secondary schools, the Montessori program focuses upon
11 providing materials, techniques, and experiences that support the
12 learners’ natural development and encourages children to “learn
13 how to learn,” to gain independence and self-confidence, and to
14 promote the principles of peace and responsible world citizenship;
15 and
16 WHEREAS, The Montessori Method is based upon thoughtful
17 observation of individual children and includes developmental

1 teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among
2 the children and peace to humankind; and
3 WHEREAS, In February 2025, Montessorians will celebrate
4 the 118th anniversary of the first Montessori school; and
5 WHEREAS, There are hundreds of public and private
6 Montessori schools in California; and
7 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that we recognize the
8 immeasurable contributions of California’s Montessori schools,
9 and congratulate all Montessorians upon the 118th anniversary of
10 the first Montessori school; and
11 WHEREAS, There is a need for more qualified and credentialed
12 teachers in California; and
13 WHEREAS, Twelve states currently offer pathways for teachers
14 with Montessori credentials to qualify for public school teacher
15 certification or licensure; and
16 WHEREAS, The Commission on Teacher Credentialing is
17 currently in discussions around recognizing the significance of
18 Montessori certification as an alternative pathway to earning Child
19 Development Permits; now, therefore, be it
20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates February 2025
22 as Montessori Month in California, and urges all Californians to
23 take note of that month and to participate fittingly in its observance;
24 and be it further
25 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes our state’s
26 many Montessori schools as valuable educational resources in
27 their communities; and be it further
28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature pays tribute to the long and
29 distinguished history of the Montessori Method and to the teachers,
30 both past and present, who have contributed immeasurably to the
31 education of our citizens; and be it further
32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the Commission on
33 Teacher Credentialing to work quickly towards approving a
34 pathway for Montessorians to obtain Child Development Permits
35 and to contemplate the creation of additional Montessori pathways;
36 and be it further
37 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
38 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 17 (Niello) – As Introduced January 28, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: Montessori Month.

SUMMARY: Designates February 2025 as Montessori Month in California, and urges all Californians to take note of that month and to participate fittingly in its observance. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Dr. Maria Montessori, a native of Italy whose observations of children and their development led her to design what has come to be known as the Montessori method of education, provided to the world a great departure from the educational philosophies of the early 20th century and instituted a movement that has spanned the globe and continues today to influence educational practices throughout California, the United States, and the world.
- 2) A system for the education of children from birth through secondary schools, the Montessori program focuses upon providing materials, techniques, and experiences that support the learners' natural development and encourages children to "learn how to learn," to gain independence and self-confidence, and to promote the principles of peace and responsible world citizenship.
- 3) The Montessori method is based upon thoughtful observation of individual children and includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind.
- 4) There are hundreds of public and private Montessori schools in California. In February 2025, Montessorians will celebrate the 118th anniversary of the first Montessori school.
- 5) It is fitting and proper that we recognize the immeasurable contributions of California's Montessori schools, and congratulate all Montessorians upon the 118th anniversary of the first Montessori school.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

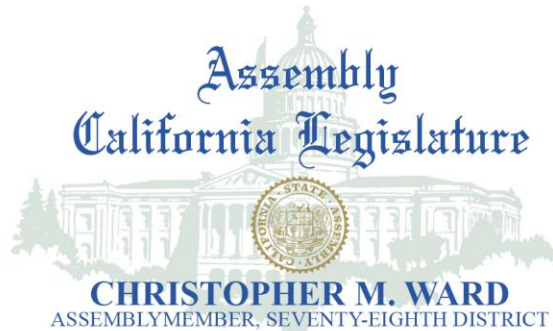
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February 28, 2025

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

RE: AB 253 (Ward) Third-Party Residential Permitting: Urgency Clause Request

Dear Chair Pacheco,

I respectfully urge you to approve the addition of an urgency clause to AB 253. AB 253 aims to streamline the review and issuance of post-entitlement permits for residential projects containing 1-10 units that are less than 40 feet tall. It does so by allowing project proponents to use third-party professionals to review certain post-entitlement permits if it would take the local building department longer than 30 days to conduct that review.

In order to avert economic and social harm as a result of natural disasters and the severe lack of housing in the state, it is necessary for AB 253 to take effect immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Ward", written in a cursive style.

CHRISTOPHER M. WARD
Assemblymember, 78th District

CMW:srl

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 253

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025—26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 253

**Introduced by Assembly Members ~~Ward and Quirk-Silva~~ Ward,
Quirk-Silva, and Rivas
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Wicks)**

January 15, 2025

An act to amend Section 17951 of, and to add Section 17960.3 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to ~~housing~~; *housing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 253, as introduced, Ward. California Residential Private Permitting Review Act: residential building permits.

Existing law, the State Housing Law, establishes statewide construction and occupancy standards for buildings used for human habitation. Existing law authorizes a county's or city's governing body to prescribe fees for permits, certificates, or other forms or documents required or authorized under the State Housing Law.

This bill, the California Residential Private Permitting Review Act, would require a county's or city's building department to prepare a residential building permit fee schedule and post the schedule on the county's or city's internet website, if the county or city prescribes residential building permit fees.

Existing law requires a county's or city's building department to enforce the State Housing Law and the California Building Standards Code, and other rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Housing Law pertaining to standards for buildings used for human habitation. Existing law requires a county or city, upon the applicant's



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request, to contract with or employ temporarily a private entity or person to check the plans and specifications submitted with an application for a residential building permit to comply with the State Housing Law or local ordinances adopted pursuant to the State Housing Law, when the building department takes more than 30 days, as specified, to complete the plan check.

This bill would additionally require the building department to provide the applicant with an estimated timeframe to complete the plan check, upon receiving a completed application. The bill would authorize an applicant to contract with or employ a private professional provider, as defined, to perform the plan check, if the estimated timeframe exceeds 30 days or the building department has not completed the plan check within 30 days of receiving the application. The bill would require the private professional provider to prepare a specified affidavit, under penalty of perjury, and the applicant to submit to the building department a specified report of the plan check. The bill would require the building department, within 14 days of receiving the report, to consider the report and, based on the report, either issue the residential building permit or notify the applicant that the plans and specifications do not comply, as specified. If the building department notifies the applicant that the plans and specifications do not comply, the bill would authorize the applicant to resubmit corrected plans and specifications to the building department or contract with or employ a private professional provider to check the corrected plans and specifications, as specified. The bill would apply these provisions only to specified new residential constructions of a building and residential additions to, or remodels of, an existing building. *By expanding the crime of perjury and imposing new duties on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

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The bill would include findings that changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities.

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 specified reasons.

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

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

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

Page 2 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the
2 California Residential Private Permitting Review Act.

Page 3 1 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
2 (a) Local building plan-checking functions are subject to
3 extensive swings in workload, which can result in significant delays
4 in processing residential building permits.

5 (b) Prolonged delays in building plan-checking functions at the
6 local level can negatively impact the state's housing production
7 pipeline, and ultimately state and local economies.

8 (c) The state faces a housing crisis of availability and
9 affordability of housing, in large part due to severe shortage of
10 housing.

11 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a set of options
12 for local jurisdictions to augment, not replace, existing building
13 plan-checking functions and prevent excessive delays in this critical
14 administrative process.

15 SEC. 3. Section 17951 of the Health and Safety Code is
16 amended to read:

17 17951. (a) (1) The governing body of any county or city,
18 including a charter city, may prescribe fees for permits, certificates,
19 or other forms or documents required or authorized by this part or
20 rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this part.

21 (2) If a governing body of any county or city, including a charter
22 city, prescribes fees for a residential building permit, pursuant to
23 paragraph (1), the building department of the city or county shall
24 prepare a schedule of the fees for a residential building permit and
25 post the schedule on the county's or city's internet website.

26 (b) The governing body of any county or city, including a charter
27 city, or fire protection district, may prescribe fees to defray the
28 costs of enforcement required by this part to be carried out by local
29 enforcement agencies.

30 (c) The amount of the fees prescribed pursuant to paragraph (1)
31 of subdivision (a) and subdivision (b) shall not exceed the amount

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Page 3 32 reasonably required to administer or process these permits,
33 certificates, or other forms or documents, or to defray the costs of
34 enforcement required by this part to be carried out by local
35 enforcement agencies, and shall not be levied for general revenue
36 purposes. The fees shall be imposed pursuant to Section 66016 of
37 the Government Code.

38 (d) If the local enforcement agency fails to conduct an inspection
39 of permitted work for which permit fees have been charged
40 pursuant to this section within 60 days of receiving notice of the
Page 4 1 completion of the permitted work, the permittee shall be entitled
2 to reimbursement of the permit fees. The local enforcement agency
3 shall disclose in clear language on each permit or on a document
4 that accompanies the permit that the permittee may be entitled to
5 reimbursement of permit fees pursuant to this subdivision.

6 (e) (1) The provisions of this part are not intended to prevent
7 the use of any manufactured home, mobilehome, multiunit
8 manufactured home, material, appliance, installation, device,
9 arrangement, or method of construction not specifically prescribed
10 by the California Building Standards Code or this part, provided
11 that this alternate has been approved by the building department.

12 (2) The building department of any city or county may approve
13 an alternate material, appliance, installation, device, arrangement,
14 method, or work on a case-by-case basis if it finds that the proposed
15 design is satisfactory and that each such material, appliance,
16 installation, device, arrangement, method, or work offered is, for
17 the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in
18 the California Building Standards Code or this part in performance,
19 safety, and for the protection of life and health.

20 (3) The building department of any city or county shall require
21 evidence that any material, appliance, installation, device,
22 arrangement, or method of construction conforms to, or that the
23 proposed alternate is at least equivalent to, the requirements of
24 this part, building standards published in the California Building
25 Standards Code, or the other rules and regulations promulgated
26 pursuant to this part and in order to substantiate claims for
27 alternates, the building department of any city or county may
28 require tests as proof of compliance to be made at the expense of
29 the owner or the owner’s agent by an approved testing agency
30 selected by the owner or the owner’s agent.

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Page 4 31 SEC. 4. Section 17960.3 is added to the Health and Safety
 32 Code, to read:
 33 17960.3. (a) This section shall only apply to both of the
 34 following:
 35 (1) A new residential construction of a building that contains
 36 at least 1 unit, but no more than 10 units, and has no floors used
 37 for human occupancy located more than 40 feet above ground
 38 level.

Page 5 1 (2) A residential addition to, or remodel of, an existing building
 2 that contains 1 to 10 dwelling units and has no floors used for
 3 human occupancy located more than 40 feet above ground level.

4 (b) (1) Upon receipt of a completed application for a residential
 5 building permit, the building department of every city or county
 6 shall provide the applicant with an estimated timeframe in which
 7 checking plans and specifications submitted as a part of the
 8 application will be completed. If the estimated timeframe exceeds
 9 30 days, the applicant may contract with or employ at the
 10 applicant’s own expense a private professional provider to check
 11 the plans and specifications to comply with the other requirements
 12 imposed pursuant to this part or by local ordinances adopted
 13 pursuant to this part.

14 (2) If within 30 days of receiving a completed application the
 15 building department has not completed checking plans and
 16 specifications submitted as a part of the application the applicant
 17 may contract with or employ at the applicant’s own expense a
 18 private professional provider to check the plans and specifications
 19 to comply with other requirements imposed pursuant to this part
 20 or by local ordinances adopted pursuant to this part.

21 (c) If a private professional provider performs the plan-checking
 22 function, all of the following shall apply:

23 (1) The private professional provider shall prepare an affidavit,
 24 under penalty of perjury, stating both of the following:

25 (A) If the plans and specifications comply with the other
 26 requirements imposed pursuant to this part or local ordinances
 27 adopted pursuant to this part.

28 (B) The private professional provider performed the
 29 plan-checking function.

30 (2) The applicant shall submit to the building department a
 31 report of the plan-checking function. The report shall include all
 32 of the following:

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Page 5 33 (A) The affidavit described in paragraph (1).
34 (B) If the plan and specifications do not comply with the other
35 requirements imposed pursuant to this part or local ordinances
36 adopted pursuant to this part, the requirements for the plans and
37 specifications to comply with the other requirements imposed
38 pursuant to this part or the local ordinances adopted pursuant to
39 this part.

Page 6 40 (C) Additional information required by the building department.
1 (3) Within 14 days of receiving the report pursuant to paragraph
2 (2), the building department shall consider the report and based
3 on the report shall do either of the following:

4 (A) Issue the residential building permit if the plans and
5 specifications comply with the other requirements imposed
6 pursuant to this part or local ordinances adopted pursuant to this
7 part.

8 (B) Notify the applicant in writing that the plans and
9 specifications do not comply with the other requirements imposed
10 pursuant to this part or local ordinances adopted pursuant to this
11 part, if the plans and specifications do not comply with the other
12 requirements imposed pursuant to this part or local ordinances
13 adopted pursuant to this part. The notice shall specify the
14 requirements for the plans and specifications to comply with the
15 other requirements imposed pursuant to this part or local ordinances
16 adopted pursuant to this part.

17 (4) If the building department does not issue the residential
18 building permit or notify the applicant within 14 days pursuant to
19 paragraph (3), the plans and specifications shall be deemed
20 compliant with the other requirements imposed pursuant to this
21 part or local ordinances adopted pursuant to this part, and the
22 residential building permit shall be deemed approved.

23 (d) If the department notifies the applicant pursuant to
24 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c), the applicant
25 may do either of the following:

26 (I) Resubmit corrected plans and specifications to the building
27 department to check the corrected plans and specifications.

28 (2) Contract with or employ at the applicant’s own expense a
29 private professional provider to check the corrected plans and
30 specifications. The check of the corrected plans and specifications
31 shall be subject to the timelines and requirements of subdivision
32 (c).

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Page 6 33 (e) For the purposes of this section:
 34 (1) "Applicant" means a person who submits an application.
 35 (2) "Application" means an application for a residential building
 36 permit.
 37 (3) "Private professional provider" means a professional
 38 engineer licensed pursuant to the Professional Engineers Act
 39 (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 6700) of Division 3 of the
 40 Business and Professions Code) or an architect licensed pursuant
 Page 7 1 to the Architects Practice Act (Chapter 3 (commencing with
 2 Section 5500) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code)
 3 who does not have a financial interest in the residential building
 4 permit or preparing the plans and specifications.

5 SEC. 5. The Legislature finds and declares that ~~addressing the~~
 6 ~~housing crisis and the severe shortage of housing averting the~~
 + *economic and social harm as a result of natural disasters and*
 7 *severe lack of housing in the state* is a matter of statewide concern
 8 and is not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of
 9 Article XI of the California Constitution. Therefore, Sections 3
 10 and 4 of this act amending Section 17951 of, and adding Section
 11 17960.3 to, the Health and Safety Code apply to all cities, including
 + charter cities.

12 SEC. 6. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
 13 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
 14 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
 15 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
 16 level of service mandated by this act or because costs that may be
 17 incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred
 18 because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a
 19 crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction,
 20 within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or
 21 changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6
 22 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

+ SEC. 7. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
 + *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
 + *the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall*
 + *go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

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- + *In order to avert economic and social harm as a result of natural*
- + *disasters and the severe lack of housing in the state, it is necessary*
- + *for this act to take effect immediately.*

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