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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 4/12/2023
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the following bills have been added to the referral list: AB 661, ACA 6, ACR 57, and HR 29.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/13/2023

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

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
<u>AB 510</u>	HUM. S.
<u>AB 661</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>AB 1766</u>	L. & E.
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<u>SCR 40</u>	RLS.
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 43

**Introduced by Assembly Members Gabriel, Addis, Bauer-Kahan,
Berman, Friedman, Haney, Lowenthal, Pellerin, Blanca Rubio,
Ward, and Zbur**

(Principal coauthors: Senators Allen, Becker, Glazer, Newman, Rubio,
Stern, and Wiener)

March 21, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to California
Holocaust Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 43, as introduced, Gabriel. California Holocaust Memorial Day.
This measure would proclaim April 18, 2023, as California Holocaust
Memorial Day and would urge all Californians to observe this day of
remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the
2 world had never before witnessed; and
3 WHEREAS, More than 70 years have passed since the tragic
4 events that we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which
5 the dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as
6 part of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final
7 Solution to the Jewish Question”; and
8 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims of the Holocaust,
9 but they were not alone. Millions of other people were murdered
10 in Nazi concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,

1 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political
2 annihilation under the Nazi regime; and

3 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
4 resisted the Nazis and provided assistance to the victims of the
5 Nazi regime, including the many American soldiers who liberated
6 concentration camps and provided comfort to those suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,
8 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
9 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
10 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible
13 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against antisemitism,
14 racism, hatred, persecution, and tyranny of all forms lest these
15 atrocities be repeated; and

16 WHEREAS, In recent years, public displays of antisemitism
17 and antisemitic incidents have increased dramatically in California
18 and around the world; and

19 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
20 rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality, human rights,
21 individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just
22 and democratic society; and

23 WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments
24 of their time every year to give remembrance to those who lost
25 their lives in the Holocaust; and

26 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
27 recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the
28 Holocaust, including Holocaust Remembrance Day, known as
29 Yom Hashoah; and

30 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
31 and nationally recognized scholar, “a memorial unresponsive to
32 the future would violate the memory of the past”; now, therefore,
33 be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 18, 2023,
36 as “California Holocaust Memorial Day” and that Californians are
37 urged to observe this day of remembrance for victims of the
38 Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it further

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

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6 **CORRECTIONS:** _____

7 **Heading—Line 2.**

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Date of Hearing: April 13, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 43 (Gabriel) – As Introduced March 21, 2023

SUBJECT: California Holocaust Memorial Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims April 18, 2023, as “California Holocaust Memorial Day,” and urges Californians to observe this day of remembrance for victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 70 years have passed since the tragic events that we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which six million Jews and millions of other people were murdered as part of a carefully orchestrated, state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political annihilation under the Nazi regime.
- 2) We must recognize the heroism of those who resisted the Nazis and provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including the many American soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided comfort to those suffering.
- 3) We must teach our children, and future generations, that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity.
- 4) The people of California should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality, human rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society. Each person in California should set aside moments of their time every year to give remembrance to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust.
- 5) The United States Holocaust Memorial Council recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including Holocaust Remembrance Day, known as Yom Hashoah.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

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 Members Mathis, Grayson, Lackey, and
Ramos**

March 28, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to autism.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 48, as introduced, Mathis. Autism: sensory-friendly movie screenings.

This measure would declare the support of the Legislature for the expansion of sensory-friendly movie screenings and similar programs for people with autism, and would encourage families to attend a sensory-friendly movie screening during April 2023, which is National Autism Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder
2 affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those
3 affected by it; and
4 WHEREAS, More than 3,500,000 Americans live with an autism
5 spectrum disorder; and
6 WHEREAS, Individuals with autism often utilize specialized
7 and community support services to ensure their health and safety,
8 and to support their families’ resilience as they manage the unique
9 psychological and financial conditions autism presents; and
10 WHEREAS, Attending a movie theater with family members is
11 an enriching and enjoyable experience for many Californians; and

1 WHEREAS, Theaters around the country have begun to offer
2 “sensory-friendly screenings” as a special opportunity for
3 individuals with autism and others to enjoy their favorite films in
4 a safe and accepting setting; and
5 WHEREAS, In order to provide a more comfortable and
6 accepting environment for individuals on the autism spectrum, the
7 movie auditorium keeps the sound turned slightly down and the
8 lights turned slightly up; and
9 WHEREAS, Because some individuals with autism have
10 specialized dietary needs, families are allowed to bring their own
11 snacks from home; and
12 WHEREAS, Audience members are free to get up and dance,
13 walk, sing, or shout, and are able to relax and enjoy quality family
14 time without worrying if someone will complain or be disturbed
15 by movement or noise; now, therefore, be it
16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature supports and promotes
18 the expansion of sensory-friendly movie screenings and similar
19 programs, and encourages families to attend a sensory-friendly
20 movie screening during April 2023, which is National Autism
21 Awareness Month; 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: April 13, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 48 (Mathis) – As Introduced March 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Autism: sensory-friendly movie screenings.

SUMMARY: Declares the support of the Legislature for the expansion of sensory friendly movie screenings and similar programs for people with autism, and encourages families to attend a sensory-friendly movie screening during April 2023, which is National Autism Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those affected by it. More than 3,500,000 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder.
- 2) Individuals with autism often utilize specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety, and to support their families' resilience as they manage the unique psychological and financial conditions autism presents.
- 3) Attending a movie theatre with family members is an enriching and enjoyable experience for many Californians. Theatres around the country are beginning to offer "sensory-friendly screenings" as a special opportunity for individuals with autism and others to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting setting.
- 4) In order to provide a more comfortable and accepting environment for individuals on the autism spectrum, the movie auditorium keeps the sound turned slightly down and the lights turned slightly up. Audience members are free to get up and dance, walk, sing, or shout, and are able to relax and enjoy quality family time without worrying if someone will complain or be disturbed by movement or noise.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 51

Introduced by Assembly Member Hart

March 30, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 51—Relative to Donate Life/DMV Partnership Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 51, as introduced, Hart. Donate Life/DMV Partnership Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2023 as Donate Life/DMV Partnership Month in California and would encourage all Californians to register with the Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donations
2 are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of
3 compassion to those in need; and

4 WHEREAS, More than 100,000 individuals nationwide and
5 more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ
6 transplant waiting list and, on average, 17 people die each day
7 while waiting; and

8 WHEREAS, The need for donated organs is especially urgent
9 in Hispanic, Latino, and African American communities; and

10 WHEREAS, A single individual’s donation of the heart, lungs,
11 liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight
12 lives; and

13 WHEREAS, A donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of
14 more than 75 other individuals; and

1 WHEREAS, Organ donors saved more than 42,000 lives last
2 year, the most ever; and

3 WHEREAS, Any person can register to be an organ, eye, and
4 tissue donor, regardless of age or medical conditions; and

5 WHEREAS, Being a registered donor does not impact the
6 quality of life-saving medical care a person receives in an
7 emergency; and

8 WHEREAS, California residents can sign up to be an organ,
9 eye, and tissue donor when applying for or renewing their driver’s
10 licenses or identification cards at the Department of Motor
11 Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of the month of April as
14 National Donate Life Month, the Legislature proclaims the month
15 of April 2023 as Donate Life/DMV Partnership Month in the State
16 of California; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That in doing so, the Legislature encourages all
18 Californians to register with the Donate Life California Organ &
19 Tissue Donor Registry by checking “YES!” for organ and tissue
20 donation when applying for or renewing a driver’s license or
21 identification card or by signing up at
22 <https://donatelifecalifornia.org/> or <https://donevidacalifornia.org/>;
23 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 13, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 51 (Hart) – As Introduced March 30, 2023

SUBJECT: Donate Life/DMV Partnership Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2023 as Donate Life/DMV Partnership Month in California, and encourages all Californians to register with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donations are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need.
- 2) More than 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list and, on average, 17 people die each day while waiting.
- 3) A single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives. A donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 other individuals.
- 4) The need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic, Latino, and African American communities.
- 5) Organ donors saved more than 42,000 lives last year, the most ever.
- 6) Any person can register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, regardless of age or medical conditions. California residents can sign up to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or identification cards at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 52

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta, Bryan, Gipson,
Holden, Jackson, McCarty, McKinnor, Weber, and Wilson)
(Principal coauthors: Senators Bradford and Smallwood-Cuevas)

March 30, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 52—Relative to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 52, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: 55th anniversary of assassination.

This measure would recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 2023, the 55th anniversary of his assassination, for his numerous accomplishments and contributions to the nation and the long-lasting influence that his words and legacy continue to have globally.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated 55
2 years ago in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968; and
3 WHEREAS, His sacrifice continues to reverberate throughout
4 the nation in large and small ways, and our nation is still trying to
5 recover from Dr. King’s death, to seize opportunities for racial
6 equality, economic justice, and peace, and to create what Dr. King
7 referred to as a “beloved community,” which seemed to recede in
8 the aftermath of his death; and
9 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist minister
10 and founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

1 (SCLC), who had led the civil rights movement since the
2 mid-1950s, using a combination of impassioned speeches and
3 nonviolent protests to fight segregation and achieve significant
4 civil rights advances for African Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, His sacrifice led to an outpouring of anger among
6 Black Americans, as well as a period of national mourning that
7 helped speed the way for an equal housing bill that would be the
8 last significant legislative achievement of the civil rights era; and

9 WHEREAS, In the last years of his life, Dr. King sought to
10 widen his appeal beyond his own race, speaking out publicly
11 against the Vietnam War and working to form a coalition of poor
12 Americans—Black and White alike—to address such issues as
13 poverty and unemployment; and

14 WHEREAS, In the spring of 1968, while preparing for a planned
15 march to Washington to lobby Congress on behalf of the poor, Dr.
16 King was called to Memphis, Tennessee, to support a sanitation
17 workers' strike and on the night of April 3, Dr. King gave a speech
18 at the Mason Temple Church in Memphis; and

19 WHEREAS, In his speech, Dr. King seemed to foreshadow his
20 own untimely passing, or at least to strike a particularly reflective
21 note, ending with these now-historic words: "And I've seen the
22 promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to
23 know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land.
24 And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm
25 not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming
26 of the Lord."; and

27 WHEREAS, Just after 6 p.m. the following day, Dr. King was
28 standing on the second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel, where
29 he and his associates were staying, when a sniper's bullet struck
30 him in the neck. He was rushed to a hospital, where he was
31 pronounced dead about an hour later, at the age of 39; and

32 WHEREAS, Shock and distress over the news of Dr. King's
33 death sparked rioting in more than 100 cities around the country,
34 including burning and looting, and amid a wave of national
35 mourning, President Lyndon B. Johnson urged Americans to "reject
36 the blind violence" that had killed Dr. King, whom he called the
37 "apostle of nonviolence"; and

38 WHEREAS, He also called on the United States Congress to
39 speedily pass the civil rights legislation then entering the House
40 of Representatives for debate, calling it a fitting legacy of Dr. King

1 and his life's work, and on April 11, President Johnson signed the
2 Fair Housing Act, a major piece of civil rights legislation; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. King has remained the most widely known
4 African American leader of his era, and the most public face of
5 the civil rights movement, along with its most eloquent voice; and

6 WHEREAS, A campaign to establish a national holiday in Dr.
7 King's honor began almost immediately after his death, to honor
8 his life and accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby further recognizes
11 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 2023, the 55th anniversary
12 of his assassination, for his numerous accomplishments and
13 contributions to our nation and the long-lasting influence that his
14 words and legacy continues to have globally; 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 13, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 52 (Jones-Sawyer) – As Introduced March 30, 2023

SUBJECT: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: 55th anniversary of assassination.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 4, 2023, as the 55th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and, recognizes his numerous accomplishments and contributions to the nation and the long-lasting influence that his words and legacy continue to have globally. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated 55 years ago in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.
- 2) In the spring of 1968, Dr. King was called to Memphis, Tennessee, to support a sanitation workers' strike and on the night of April 3, Dr. King gave a speech at the Mason Temple Church in Memphis.
- 3) In his speech, Dr. King seemed to foreshadow his own untimely passing, or at least to strike a particularly reflective note, ending with these now-historic words: "And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything."
- 4) His sacrifice continues to reverberate throughout the nation in large and small ways, and our nation is still trying to recover from Dr. King's death, to seize opportunities for racial equality, economic justice, and peace, and to create what Dr. King referred to as a "beloved community," which seemed to recede in the aftermath of his death.
- 5) His sacrifice led to an outpouring of anger among Black Americans, as well as a period of national mourning that helped speed the way for an equal housing bill that would be the last significant legislative achievement of the civil rights era.
- 6) Dr. King has remained the most widely known African American leader of his era, and the most public face of the civil rights movement, along with its most eloquent voice.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 54

Introduced by Assembly Member Pacheco

April 10, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 54—Relative to Cities Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 54, as introduced, Pacheco. Cities Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of April 9, 2023, to April 14, 2023, to be Cities Week, and would encourage all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Cities first arose when eight California
2 municipalities incorporated in 1850, before the territory of
3 California was admitted to the United States of America in
4 September 1850; and

5 WHEREAS, The first municipality to incorporate was the city
6 of Sacramento in 1850, to provide essential safety and health
7 services to the rapidly growing population of the territory of
8 California; and

9 WHEREAS, In the 19th and early 20th century, the incorporation
10 and population of cities increased dramatically during the periods
11 of economic prosperity and immigration that followed the Gold
12 Rush and both world wars when the demand for all types of public
13 services increased, and cities met those needs; and

1 WHEREAS, Cities vary in size and scope and serve diverse
2 communities throughout California, from small rural
3 neighborhoods, to large urban regions; and

4 WHEREAS, While cities differ in matters of population,
5 geography, and economy, they share essential beliefs and values;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Cities are created by the same power, exist by
8 virtue of the same laws, exercise almost identical functions, and
9 are called upon to meet the same demands and pursue the same
10 purposes to serve their residents; and

11 WHEREAS, the California constitution grants a number of
12 powers to cities, including the authority to promote and regulate
13 public safety, the authority to raise revenue for public purposes,
14 and the power to operate public works to furnish residents with
15 light, water, power, heat, transportation, and communication; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, 482 cities provide millions of Californians
17 with essential services, including public libraries, fire departments,
18 police departments, emergency medical and disaster response,
19 parks and recreation, childcare, community and human services
20 programs, solid waste and recycling management, water, sewer,
21 utilities, land use planning, housing, economic development,
22 transportation planning, maintenance of streets and roads,
23 telecommunications, and more; and

24 WHEREAS, More than eighty percent of California’s population
25 resides within municipalities and receive city services; and

26 WHEREAS, Cities remain transparent and accountable to the
27 communities they serve, and have earned the trust placed in them
28 by local residents; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
31 week of April 9, 2023, to April 14, 2023, inclusive, to be Cities
32 Week and encourages all Californians to be involved in their
33 communities and to be civically engaged with their local
34 government, 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 13, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 54 (Pacheco) – As Introduced April 10, 2023

SUBJECT: Cities Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of April 9, 2023, to April 14, 2023, to be Cities Week, and encourages all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cities first arose when eight California municipalities incorporated in 1850, before the territory of California was admitted to the United States of America in September 1850.
- 2) The first municipality to incorporate was the city of Sacramento in 1850, to provide essential safety and health services to the rapidly growing population of the territory of California.
- 3) Cities vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout California, from small rural neighborhoods, to large urban regions. While cities differ in matters of population, geography, and economy, they share essential beliefs and values.
- 4) Cities are created by the same power, exist by virtue of the same laws, exercise almost identical functions, and are called upon to meet the same demands and pursue the same purposes to serve their residents.
- 5) The California constitution grants a number of powers to cities, including the authority to promote and regulate public safety, the authority to raise revenue for public purposes, and the power to operate public works to furnish residents with light, water, power, heat, transportation, and communication.
- 6) Today, 482 cities provide millions of Californians with essential services, including public libraries, fire departments, police departments, emergency medical and disaster response, parks and recreation, childcare, community and human services programs, solid waste and recycling management, water, sewer, utilities, land use planning, housing, economic development, transportation planning, maintenance of streets and roads, telecommunications, and more.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

House Resolution

No. 14

**Introduced by Assembly Members Cervantes, Bauer-Kahan, and
Wendy Carrillo**

February 16, 2023

House Resolution No. 14—Relative to sexual assault.

1 WHEREAS, In 2019, California rape crisis centers provided
2 direct crisis intervention services to 40,039 individuals and
3 provided community education for 179,061 people; and
4 WHEREAS, People of all genders and ages are victims of sexual
5 assault, and it is estimated that nearly one in two women and one
6 in five men experience sexual violence other than rape throughout
7 their lifetime; and
8 WHEREAS, The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence
9 Survey reports that there are over 22 million survivors of rape
10 throughout the United States, with 2 million of those survivors of
11 rape currently living in the State of California; and
12 WHEREAS, According to ValorCalifornia, formerly the
13 California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, at least an estimated
14 one million California residents are known to be sexually assaulted
15 each year; and
16 WHEREAS, Rape and sexual assault impact people of all racial,
17 cultural, and economic backgrounds; and
18 WHEREAS, People of all genders and ages suffer multiple types
19 of sexual violence, including acquaintance rape, stranger rape,
20 sexual assault by an intimate partner, gang rape, incest, serial rape,
21 sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and stalking;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to the immediate physical and emotional
2 costs, sexual assault survivors too frequently suffer from severe
3 and long-lasting consequences, such as posttraumatic stress
4 disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, eating
5 disorders, low self-esteem, and suicide; and

6 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention has identified sexual assault as a significant, costly,
8 and preventable health issue; and

9 WHEREAS, A coalition of rape crisis centers and their allies,
10 known as ValorCalifornia, continues to directly confront this crisis
11 with the cooperation of community advocates, health care
12 providers, institutions of higher education, law enforcement, and
13 other allied professionals from California’s diverse communities;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to support all rape survivors
16 by treating them with dignity, compassion, and respect; and

17 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the compassion and
18 dedication of the individuals involved in this effort, applaud their
19 commitment to foster healing, and increase public understanding
20 of this significant problem; and

21 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the strength, courage,
22 and challenges of the victims and survivors of sexual assault and
23 their families and friends as they struggle to cope with the reality
24 of sexual assault; and

25 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize that not all victims of
26 sexual assault survive, either at the time of the assault or later, due
27 to the horrific long-term trauma that sexual assault often inflicts
28 upon victims; and

29 WHEREAS, There are rape prevention and education efforts
30 underway throughout California to challenge the societal myths
31 and behaviors that perpetuate rape and to engage communities in
32 a common goal of ending sexual assault; and

33 WHEREAS, It is crucial to hold perpetrators responsible for
34 sexual attacks, and to prevent sexual violence at every opportunity;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, In 1998, the Italian Supreme Court overturned the
37 conviction of a man who sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman
38 after the court determined that, “because the victim wore very,
39 very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing
40 the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex”; and

1 WHEREAS, Enraged by the court decision, within a matter of
2 hours, the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate
3 action and protested by wearing jeans to work; and

4 WHEREAS, Nations and states throughout the world have
5 followed the lead of the Italian Parliament by designating their
6 own “Denim Day” to raise public awareness about rape and sexual
7 assault; and

8 WHEREAS, Harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault
9 allow these crimes to persist and allow survivors to be revictimized
10 through victim-blaming attitudes and sometimes unresponsive
11 government systems; and

12 WHEREAS, California is a national leader in promoting
13 victim-centered approaches within the judicial, criminal justice,
14 medical, rape crisis, and health communities; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2021, California joined the States of New
16 Hampshire and Florida in fulfilling the promise of Denim Day by
17 approving and enacting Assembly Bill 939 (Chapter 529 of the
18 Statutes of 2021), which prohibits a survivor’s manner of dress
19 from serving as evidence of consent in sexual assault cases; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
22 *Assembly designates the month of April 2023 as Sexual Assault*
23 *Awareness Month; and be it further*

24 *Resolved, That the Assembly recognizes April 26, 2023, as*
25 *Denim Day in California and encourages everyone to wear jeans*
26 *on that day to help communicate the message that there is no*
27 *excuse for, and never an invitation to commit, rape; and be it*
28 *further*

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

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Date of Hearing: April 13, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
HR 14 (Cervantes) – As Introduced February 16, 2023

SUBJECT: Sexual assault.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and recognizes April 26, 2023, as Denim Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 2019, California rape crisis centers provided direct crisis intervention services to 40,039 individuals and provided community education for 179,061 people.
- 2) The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey reports that there are over 22 million survivors of rape throughout the United States with 2 million of those survivors of rape currently living in the State of California.
- 3) People of all genders and ages are victims of sexual assault, and it is estimated that nearly one in two women and one in five men experience sexual violence other than rape throughout their lifetime; and, they suffer multiple types of sexual violence, including acquaintance rape, stranger rape, sexual assault by an intimate partner, gang rape, incest, serial rape, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and stalking.
- 4) The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified sexual assault as a significant, costly, and preventable health issue.
- 5) A coalition of rape crisis centers and their allies, known as ValorCalifornia, continues to directly confront this crisis with the cooperation of community advocates, health care providers, institutions of higher education, law enforcement, and other allied professionals from California's diverse communities.
- 6) It is our responsibility to support all rape survivors by treating them with dignity, compassion, and respect. There are rape prevention and education efforts underway throughout California to challenge the societal myths and behaviors that perpetuate rape and to engage communities in a common goal of ending sexual assault.
- 7) In 1998, the Italian Supreme Court overturned the conviction of a man who sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman after the court determined that, "because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex." Enraged by the court decision, within a matter of hours, the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work.
- 8) Nations and states throughout the world have followed the lead of the Italian Parliament by designating their own "Denim Day" to raise public awareness about rape and sexual assault.

- 9) Harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault allow these crimes to persist and allow survivors to be revictimized through victim-blaming attitudes and sometimes unresponsive government systems.
- 10) California is a national leader in promoting victim-centered approaches within the judicial, criminal justice, medical, rape crisis, and health communities.
- 11) In 2021, California joined the States of New Hampshire and Florida in fulfilling the promise of Denim Day by approving and enacting Assembly Bill 939 (Chapter 529 of the Statutes of 2021), which prohibits a survivor's manner of dress from serving as evidence of consent in sexual assault cases.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

House Resolution

No. 27

Introduced by Assembly Member Lowenthal

April 10, 2023

House Resolution No. 27—Relative to Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

1 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have a long and rich
2 cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor
3 Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to
4 the 12th centuries and is considered one of the Wonders of the
5 World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance and genius
6 of all Cambodians throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, Early connections between the United States and
8 Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and
9 talented college students to universities, including California State
10 Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical
11 trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the
12 United States Agency for International Development (USAID);
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The relationship between the United States and
15 Cambodia had been forged through educational and professional
16 exchange, and therefore in 1975, with the impending overthrow
17 of the government by the totalitarian Khmer Rouge regime, the
18 United States accepted over 4,000 Cambodian evacuees to ensure
19 their safety; and

20 WHEREAS, April 17, 2023, will mark both the 48th anniversary
21 of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, seizing control of Cambodia
22 and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide; and

1 WHEREAS, Between April 17, 1975, and January 7, 1979, the
2 Khmer Rouge of Democratic Kampuchea, led by Pol Pot, General
3 Secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, and other
4 members of the Standing Committee of the Central Committee of
5 the Communist Party of Kampuchea and their agents, committed
6 acts of genocide and other crimes against humanity; and

7 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
8 committed against the people of Cambodia, including various
9 religious groups and ethnic minorities, during the Khmer Rouge
10 regime led to the deaths of over 1,700,000 Cambodians, which
11 was 21 percent of the nation's population; and

12 WHEREAS, The Khmer Rouge regime also sought to eliminate
13 all aspects of Cambodian culture by systematically killing those
14 with education, separating families, and destroying institutions
15 such as Buddhist temples, schools, libraries, dance, and music;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Countless victims have since come forward to tell
18 their stories of imprisonment, starvation, slavery, rape, and
19 systematic forced marriage; and

20 WHEREAS, After the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge regime
21 in 1979, over 140,000 Cambodians came to the United States as
22 refugees, a group of special humanitarian and foreign policy
23 concern to the United States because of the well-founded fear of
24 persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership
25 in a particular social group, or political opinion and thus in need
26 of protection in accordance with the United Nations' 1951
27 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees; and

28 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest population
29 of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the
30 world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of
31 Southeast Asia; and

32 WHEREAS, The Cambodian people have drawn from their
33 cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities through
34 participation in American politics on the local and national levels,
35 by establishing local and international businesses, by developing
36 new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new
37 generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future
38 of the State of California and the nation; and

39 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide was a human tragedy
40 and must be remembered for the scale of violence and devastation

1 perpetrated against the people of Cambodia so that it does not
2 happen again, there or in any other country; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1994, the United States Congress passed the
4 Cambodian Genocide Justice Act, committing the American
5 government to the pursuit of justice for the victims of the genocide
6 and affirming the policy of the United States to bring members of
7 the Khmer Rouge to justice for their crimes against humanity; and

8 WHEREAS, The genocide and other crimes against humanity
9 did not succeed in destroying the Cambodian people or their
10 culture. In fact the culture and heritage of the Cambodian people
11 continues to this day through the accomplishments of Cambodians
12 and their descendants; and

13 WHEREAS, The suffering and loss of the Cambodian people
14 and their accomplishments and perseverance in reestablishing
15 families, communities, and enhancing the cultural and historical
16 diversity of our state and nation should be recognized and honored;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will
19 honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and
20 contributions to our state and country. This week will serve as a
21 way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in
22 genocides around the world; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
24 Assembly hereby recognizes the week of April 17 to April 23,
25 2023, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week, and
26 calls upon all Californians to observe the week by participating in
27 appropriate activities and programs; 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 13, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
HR 27 (Lowenthal) – As Introduced April 10, 2023

SUBJECT: Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of April 17 to April 23, 2023, inclusive, as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week, and calls upon all Californians to observe the week by participating in appropriate activities and programs. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Cambodian people have a long and rich cultural heritage symbolized by the capitol city Temple of Angkor Wat, which flourished during the Khmer Empire from the 9th to the 12th centuries and was considered one of the Wonders of the Ancient World, and now stands as a living icon of the endurance and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world.
- 2) Early connections between the United States and Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and talented college students to universities, including California State Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development.
- 3) The relationship between the United States and Cambodia had been forged through educational and professional exchange, and therefore in 1975, with the impending overthrow of the government by the totalitarian Khmer Rouge regime, the United States accepted over 4,000 Cambodian evacuees to ensure their safety.
- 4) April 17, 2023, will mark both the 48th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, seizing control of Cambodia and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide.
- 5) The State of California has the largest population of Cambodians and the City of Long Beach is known around the world as home to the largest Cambodian community outside of Southeast Asia.
- 6) The Cambodian people have drawn from their cultural history to rebuild their lives and communities by participating in American politics on the local and national levels, by establishing local and international businesses, by developing new art forms and community organizations, and by raising a new generation of Americans who promise to contribute to the future of the State of California and the nation.
- 7) The Cambodian Genocide was a human tragedy and must be remembered for the scale of violence and devastation perpetrated against the people of Cambodia so that it does not happen again, there or in any other country.
- 8) The Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week will honor the survivors and their descendants for their courage and contributions to our state and country. This week will serve as a way to remember those who lost their lives in Cambodia and in genocides around the world.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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The Honorable James Ramos
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
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Re: Request to Add Urgency Clause to AB 498 (Aguiar-Curry)

Dear Chair Ramos,

In accordance with the 1988 federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Assembly Bill 498 would ratify the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, executed on March 9, 2023. Additionally, to preserve and respect tribal sovereignty, this bill clarifies that certain actions related to this compact are not projects for purposes of CEQA.

Adding an urgency clause to AB 498 is necessary for the sake of the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution. This act must take effect immediately to enhance the economic development, stability, and self-sufficiency of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and to protect the interests of the tribe and its members, the surrounding communities, and the California public at the earliest possible time.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact my Legislative Assistant, Alexa Chavez at 916-319- 2348.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cecilia Aguiar-Curry". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Assemblymember, 4th District

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 3, 2023

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 2, 2023

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 498

Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry

February 7, 2023

~~An act to amend Section 19596 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing. An act to add Section 12012.104 to the Government Code, relating to tribal gaming.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 498, as amended, Aguiar-Curry. ~~Horse racing: quarter horse races. Tribal gaming: compact ratification.~~

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

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

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This bill would ratify the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, executed on March 9, 2023. The bill would provide that, in deference to tribal sovereignty, certain actions related to this compact are not projects for purposes of CEQA.

~~Existing law establishes the California Horse Racing Board, and gives that board specified duties, including authorizing a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on specified races, including the American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge.~~

~~This bill would authorize the board to authorize a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on a quarter horse stakes race with a purse equal to or greater than \$100,000. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 12012.104 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 12012.104. (a) *The tribal-state gaming compact entered into*
4 *in accordance with the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of*
5 *1988 (18 U.S.C. Secs. 1166 to 1168, inclusive, and 25 U.S.C. Sec.*
6 *2701 et seq.) between the State of California and the Federated*
7 *Indians of Graton Rancheria, executed on March 9, 2023, is hereby*
8 *ratified.*
9 (b) (1) *In deference to tribal sovereignty, none of the following*
10 *shall be deemed a project for purposes of the California*
11 *Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section*
12 *21000) of the Public Resources Code):*
13 (A) *The execution of the tribal-state gaming compact ratified*
14 *by this section.*
15 (B) *The execution of an amendment to the tribal-state gaming*
16 *compact ratified by this section.*
17 (C) *The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between*
18 *the tribe and a county or city government negotiated pursuant to*
19 *the express authority of, or as expressly referenced in, the*
20 *tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.*

1 (D) The execution of an intergovernmental agreement between
2 the tribe and the Department of Transportation, or other state
3 agency, negotiated pursuant to the express authority of, or as
4 expressly referenced in, the tribal-state gaming compact ratified
5 by this section.

6 (E) The on-reservation impacts of compliance with the terms
7 of the tribal-state gaming compact ratified by this section.

8 (2) Except as expressly provided in this section, this subdivision
9 does not exempt a city, county, or city and county, or the
10 Department of Transportation, or any state agency or local
11 jurisdiction, from the requirements of the California Environmental
12 Quality Act.

13 SECTION 1. ~~Section 19596 of the Business and Professions~~
14 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

15 ~~19596. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the board may do~~
16 ~~any of the following:~~

17 ~~(1) Authorize a licensed harness racing association that is~~
18 ~~conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on~~
19 ~~the full card of races conducted by another racing association on~~
20 ~~the day that other association conducts the Breeders' Crown Stakes,~~
21 ~~the Meadowlands Pace, the Hambletonian, the Cane Pace, the~~
22 ~~Kentucky Futurity, or the North American Cup.~~

23 ~~(2) Authorize a licensed quarter horse racing association that is~~
24 ~~conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on~~
25 ~~any of the following:~~

26 ~~(A) Races conducted by the racing association that conducts~~
27 ~~the American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge, if the races are~~
28 ~~conducted on the same day as the American Quarter Horse Racing~~
29 ~~Challenge.~~

30 ~~(B) The full card of races conducted by another racing~~
31 ~~association on the day that other association conducts the Texas~~
32 ~~Classic Futurity and Remington Park Futurity.~~

33 ~~(C) A quarter horse stakes race with a purse equal to or greater~~
34 ~~than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).~~

35 ~~(3) Authorize the inclusion of wagers authorized pursuant to~~
36 ~~this section in the parimutuel pools of the out-of-state association~~
37 ~~that conducts the races on which the wagers are placed.~~

38 ~~(b) The board authorization may be granted under this section~~
39 ~~only if both of the following conditions are met:~~

- 1 ~~(1) The authorization complies with federal laws, including, but~~
- 2 ~~not limited to, the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C.~~
- 3 ~~Sec. 3001 et seq.).~~
- 4 ~~(2) Wagering is offered only within the racing enclosure and~~
- 5 ~~only within seven days of the running of the out-of-state race.~~

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April 10, 2023

Assembly Member James Ramos,
Chair of the Rules Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Chair Ramos:

I am writing to request an urgency clause be added to my AB 513, which would establish the California Individual Assistance Act to be administered by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). The purpose of the bill is to provide timely and direct assistance to families and individuals who have suffered harm due to local and state declared disasters, but would not be eligible for or may not warrant federal disaster assistance for individuals.

AB 513 recognizes and leverages the capabilities of local governments and community based organizations to deliver culturally competent emergency response and recovery services to displaced residents. Additionally, this bill will require Cal OES to retroactively provide individual assistance as described above, for the following incidents:

- (a) The magnitude 6.4 earthquake off the Northern California coastline near the City of Ferndale in Humboldt County, which the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency for on December 20, 2022;
- (b) The California Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides DR-4683-CA, which was declared a major Presidential disaster on January 14, 2023; and
- (c) The California Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides DR-4699-CA, which was declared a major Presidential disaster on April 3, 2023.

Given the lack of resources being made available to survivors of these disasters under existing state and federal programs, I ask for your support in adding an urgency clause to AB 513.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Freddie Rodriguez".

FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ

Chair, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Assemblymember, District 53

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2023

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 20, 2023

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 513

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez

February 7, 2023

An act ~~relating to state employment~~, to add Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 8688) to Chapter 7.5 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to disaster assistance, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 513, as amended, Rodriguez. ~~State employment: memorandum of understanding: State Bargaining Unit 6. California Individual Assistance Act.~~

Existing law, the California Disaster Assistance Act, requires the Director of Emergency Services to provide financial assistance to local agencies for their personnel costs, equipment costs, and the cost of supplies and materials used during disaster response activities, incurred as a result of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, subject to specified criteria. The act continuously appropriates moneys in the Disaster Assistance Fund and its subsidiary account, the Earthquake Emergency Investigations Account, without regard to fiscal year, for purposes of the act.

This bill would enact the California Individual Assistance Act to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to local agencies, community-based organizations, and individuals for specified costs related to a disaster, as prescribed. The bill would require the

director to allocate from the fund, subject to specified conditions, funds to meet the cost of expenses for those purposes. By authorizing increased expenditure of moneys from a continuously appropriated fund for a new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation.

This bill would authorize the director to adopt regulations, as determined to be necessary, to govern the administration of the program. The bill would require the director to enter into agreements with local agencies or community-based organizations to retroactively provide individual and family grants for specific disaster events.

~~Existing law provides that a provision of a memorandum of understanding reached between the state employer and a recognized employee organization representing state civil service employees that requires the expenditure of funds does not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.~~

~~This bill would approve provisions requiring the expenditure of funds in a memorandum of understanding, to be identified by date, entered into between the state employer and State Bargaining Unit 6 (SBU 6), but would specify that the provisions will not take effect unless funds for those provisions are specifically appropriated by the Legislature. The bill would require the state employer and SBU 6 to meet and confer to renegotiate the affected provisions if funds for those provisions are not specifically appropriated by the Legislature.~~

~~This bill, notwithstanding the requirement for approval in the annual Budget Act, would require the provisions of the memorandum of understanding requiring the expenditure of funds to also become effective if they are approved by the Legislature in legislation other than the annual Budget Act.~~

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the purpose
- 2 of this act is to establish in California a program within the Office
- 3 of Emergency Services to quickly provide assistance to California
- 4 residents following the declaration of a local or state emergency
- 5 that may not warrant federal disaster assistance for individuals.
- 6 SEC. 2. Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 8688) is added
- 7 to Chapter 7.5 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
- 8 to read:

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2 *Article 4.5. California Individual Assistance Act*
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4 8688. *This article shall be known and may be cited as the*
5 *California Individual Assistance Act.*

6 8688.1. *It is the intent of the Legislature to provide local*
7 *agencies, community-based organizations, and individuals with*
8 *the assistance they need to quickly recover following a disaster.*

9 8688.2. *Unless the provision or context otherwise requires,*
10 *the definitions in this section govern the construction of this article:*

11 (a) *“Community-based organization” means a public or private*
12 *nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that*
13 *represents a community or significant segments of a community*
14 *and provides support and services to individuals in the community.*

15 (b) *“Disaster” means a fire, flood, storm, tidal wave or tsunami,*
16 *earthquake, act of terrorism, epidemic, extreme heat or cold event,*
17 *or other similar calamity that the Governor determines presents*
18 *a threat to public safety.*

19 (c) *“Housing assistance” means assistance available to*
20 *homeowners and renters to repair disaster-related damages not*
21 *covered by insurance or by other governmental financial assistance*
22 *programs, including, but not limited to, costs that are reasonable*
23 *and necessary to make the essential living areas of a primary*
24 *residence safe, sanitary, and functional.*

25 (d) *“Individual” means a person residing in California.*

26 (e) *“Individual and family grants” means housing assistance*
27 *and other needs assistance provided pursuant to this article.*

28 (f) *“Local emergency” means a condition of extreme peril to*
29 *persons or property proclaimed as such by the governing body of*
30 *the local agency affected, in accordance with Section 8630.*

31 (g) *“Other needs assistance” means assistance to offset expenses*
32 *and losses in income not covered by insurance or by other financial*
33 *assistance resources, including, but not limited to, any of the*
34 *following:*

35 (1) *Income losses.*

36 (2) *Costs to clean, repair, or replace essential personal property*
37 *items.*

38 (3) *Medical, dental, and funeral expenses resulting from the*
39 *local emergency.*

1 (4) Other potentially eligible expenses authorized by the
2 director.

3 (h) “Unusual circumstances” means unavoidable delays that
4 result from recurrence of a disaster, prolonged severe weather
5 within a one-year period, or other conditions beyond the control
6 of the applicant.

7 8688.3. (a) From the Disaster Assistance Fund, and subject
8 to the conditions specified in this article, the director shall allocate
9 funds to meet the cost of expenses for the purposes described in
10 subdivision (b).

11 (b) Moneys from the Disaster Assistance Fund may be used to
12 provide financial assistance to local agencies, community-based
13 organizations, and individuals for the following purposes:

14 (1) To fund local agency and community-based organization
15 personnel costs, equipment costs, translation services, and the cost
16 of supplies and materials used during disaster response activities,
17 incurred as a result of a state of emergency proclaimed by the
18 Governor, excluding the normal hourly wage costs of employees
19 engaged in emergency work activities.

20 (2) To reimburse local agencies or community-based
21 organizations that provide individual and family grants.

22 (3) To provide direct individual and family grants, including
23 housing assistance and other needs assistance, to individuals.

24 (4) To fund indirect administrative costs and any other
25 assistance deemed necessary by the director.

26 (5) To fund necessary and required site preparation costs for
27 evacuation and local assistance centers as deemed necessary by
28 the director.

29 8688.4. (a) When certified by the director, claims of
30 community-based organizations and local agencies shall be
31 presented to the Controller for payment out of funds made available
32 for that purpose.

33 (b) The director shall adopt regulations, as determined to be
34 necessary, to govern the administration of the program authorized
35 by this article in accordance with the Administrative Procedure
36 Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of
37 Division 3). These regulations shall include specific eligibility
38 requirements, a procedure for local agencies and community-based
39 organizations to request the implementation of this article, and a

1 *method for evaluating these requests by the Office of Emergency*
2 *Services.*

3 8688.5. *An allocation may be made to a local agency,*
4 *community-based organization, or an individual, if, within 10 days*
5 *after the actual occurrence of a disaster, the local agency has*
6 *proclaimed a local emergency and that proclamation is acceptable*
7 *to the director, or upon the order of the Governor when a state of*
8 *emergency proclamation has been issued.*

9 8688.6. *A local agency, community-based organization, or an*
10 *individual shall make application to the director for state financial*
11 *assistance pursuant to this article within 60 days after the date of*
12 *the proclamation of a local emergency. The director may extend*
13 *the time for this filing only under unusual circumstances.*

14 8688.7. *The director shall develop procedures for a local*
15 *agency or community-based organization to receive an advance*
16 *of funds to expedite the delivery of individual and family grants*
17 *following a disaster.*

18 8688.8. *Notwithstanding any other law, including Section*
19 *8688.6, the director shall enter into agreements with local agencies*
20 *or community-based organizations to retroactively provide*
21 *individual and family grants for the following events:*

22 (a) *The December 20, 2022, magnitude 6.4 earthquake off the*
23 *Northern California coastline near the City of Ferndale in*
24 *Humboldt County.*

25 (b) *The severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides*
26 *for areas designated in the Federal Emergency Management*
27 *Agency declaration DR-4683-CA for the period December 27,*
28 *2022, to January 31, 2023, inclusive.*

29 (c) *The severe winter storms, straight-line winds, flooding,*
30 *landslides, and mudslides for areas designated in the Federal*
31 *Emergency Management Agency declaration DR-4699-CA for the*
32 *period February 21, 2023 to _____, inclusive.*

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34 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the~~
35 ~~purpose of this act is to approve an agreement pursuant to Section~~
36 ~~3517.5 of the Government Code entered into by the state employer~~
37 ~~and the recognized employee organization.~~

38 ~~SEC. 2. The provisions of the memorandum of understanding~~
39 ~~prepared pursuant to Section 3517.5 of the Government Code and~~
40 ~~entered into by the state employer and State Bargaining Unit 6,~~

1 dated _____, and requiring the expenditure of funds, are hereby
2 approved for the purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 3517.6 of
3 the Government Code and Section 3517.61 of the Government
4 Code.

5 ~~SEC. 3. The provisions of the memorandum of understanding~~
6 ~~approved by Section 2 of this act requiring the expenditure of funds~~
7 ~~shall not take effect unless funds for these provisions are~~
8 ~~specifically appropriated by the Legislature. If funds for these~~
9 ~~provisions are not specifically appropriated by the Legislature, the~~
10 ~~state employer and the affected employee organization shall meet~~
11 ~~and confer to renegotiate the affected provisions.~~

12 ~~SEC. 4. Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 3517.6 of~~
13 ~~the Government Code and Section 3517.61 of the Government~~
14 ~~Code, the provisions of the memorandum of understanding~~
15 ~~included in Section 2 of this act requiring the expenditure of funds~~
16 ~~shall also become effective if the provisions of the memorandum~~
17 ~~of understanding are approved by the Legislature in legislation~~
18 ~~other than the annual Budget Act.~~

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April 3, 2023

Assemblymember James Ramos, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Ramos:

I am requesting to add an urgency clause to AB 908 (Education Committee).

AB 908 authorizes funding previously appropriated for teachers to obtain their initial National Board Certification to be used for existing National Board Certificated teachers to pay for the renewal of that certification. This must be done urgently in order to allow teachers to use these funds for that purpose prior or close to the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Please contact Tanya Lieberman in the Education Committee at (916) 319-2087 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al Muratsuchi".

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi
Chair, Assembly Education Committee
66th Assembly District

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 27, 2023

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 908

Introduced by Committee on Education

February 14, 2023

An act to ~~repeal Article 4 (commencing with Section 33550) of Chapter 4 of Part 20 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Education Code; amend Section 44395 of the Education Code, relating to education governance; teacher credentialing, and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 908, as amended, Committee on Education. ~~Educational Management and Evaluation Commission: repeal. Teacher credentialing: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Incentive Program.~~

Existing law establishes the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Incentive Program to award grants to teachers who have, among other things, attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Under the program, a teacher who has attained a national board certification is eligible for an award of up to \$25,000, upon agreeing to teach for 5 years at a high-priority school, and a teacher who initiates the process of attaining national board certification when teaching at a high-priority school is eligible for an award of \$2,500, as provided. Existing law defines a high-priority school for these purposes as a school with 55% or more of its pupils being unduplicated pupils, determined as of the date of the teacher's agreement. Existing law appropriates \$250,000,000 from the General Fund to the department for purposes of the program and makes

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those moneys available for encumbrance until June 30, 2026, as provided.

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2023, authorize a teacher who initiates the process of maintenance of certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards when teaching at a high-priority school to receive an award of \$495. By expanding the allowable purposes of funds appropriated for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Incentive Program, the bill would make an appropriation. The bill would require the State Department of Education to disburse these funds to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and would require unused funds to be applied to future candidates. The bill would revise the definition of a high-priority school to be a school with 55% or more of its pupils being unduplicated pupils, as determined by the department.

Certain funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

~~Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary education in this state. Under this system, local educational agencies throughout the state provide instruction and other services to pupils in kindergarten and in grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Existing law establishes various state commissions and committees with responsibilities relating to this system, including the Educational Management and Evaluation Commission. Existing law establishes the commission to assist and advise the State Board of Education in the evaluation of the program achievement of educational programs, in the determination of the relative cost-effectiveness of educational programs, and in the making of recommendations concerning the expanded use, modification, or replacement of educational programs so as to produce a higher degree of program achievement and cost-effectiveness.~~

~~This bill would delete provisions establishing the commission and other related provisions.~~

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 44395 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:

1 44395. (a) (1) The National Board for Professional Teaching
2 Standards Certification Incentive Program is hereby established
3 to award grants to school districts for the purpose of providing
4 awards to teachers who are employed by school districts or charter
5 schools, are assigned to teach in California public schools, and
6 have attained or will attain certification from the National Board
7 for Professional Teaching Standards. Awards shall be granted to
8 the extent that funds have been appropriated for this purpose in
9 the annual Budget Act.

10 (2) (A) Commencing July 1, 2021, any teacher who has attained
11 certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching
12 Standards is eligible to receive an award of up to twenty-five
13 thousand dollars (\$25,000) if the teacher agrees to teach at a
14 high-priority school for at least five years. Teaching service before
15 July 1, 2021, may not be counted towards satisfaction of this
16 five-year commitment.

17 (B) Awards granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be disbursed
18 in annual payments of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) over a
19 five-year period. The annual payment shall be made upon
20 completion of the school year, and upon approval of a
21 district-certified application pursuant to the guidelines of
22 subdivision (c) of Section 44396.

23 (3) (A) Commencing July 1, 2021, any teacher who initiates
24 the process of pursuing a certification from the National Board for
25 Professional Teaching Standards when teaching at a high-priority
26 school is eligible to receive an award of two thousand five hundred
27 dollars (\$2,500).

28 (B) Awards granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be disbursed
29 from the department to the National Board for Professional
30 Teaching Standards. Any unused funds shall be applied to future
31 candidates.

32 (C) A teacher who receives an award pursuant to this paragraph
33 may still apply to receive funds under paragraph (2) after
34 completion of a certification from the National Board for
35 Professional Teaching Standards to the extent funds are available.

36 (4) (A) (i) *Commencing July 1, 2023, any teacher who initiates*
37 *the process of maintenance of certification from the National Board*
38 *for Professional Teaching Standards when teaching at a*
39 *high-priority school is eligible to receive an award of four hundred*
40 *ninety-five dollars (\$495).*

1 (ii) Awards granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be
2 disbursed from the department to the National Board for
3 Professional Teaching Standards. Any unused funds shall be
4 applied to future candidates.

5 (iii) A teacher who receives an award pursuant to this paragraph
6 may still apply to receive funds under paragraph (2).

7 (B) This paragraph may be implemented using funds
8 appropriated pursuant to Section 137 of Chapter 44 of the Statutes
9 of 2021.

10 (b) The department shall administer the awards authorized by
11 subdivision (a), and shall develop, in consultation with the
12 Commission on Teacher Credentialing, certification and award
13 information, criteria, procedures, and applications, all of which
14 shall be submitted to the state board for approval. Amendments
15 requested by the state board to that information, criteria,
16 procedures, and applications shall be made before the dissemination
17 of the material and the granting of any award under this article.

18 (c) The department shall distribute the materials described in
19 subdivision (b) to school districts. Each school district is strongly
20 encouraged to ensure that teachers employed by the district or by
21 charter schools affiliated with the district are informed about the
22 program and can acquire the necessary application and information
23 materials.

24 (d) School districts are encouraged to provide for adequate
25 release time and support for a teacher to complete the certification
26 process. As a condition to providing that release time and support,
27 a school district may require that a teacher serve in a mentor teacher
28 capacity.

29 (e) For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:

30 (1) "School district" means school district, county board of
31 education, county superintendent of schools, a state operated
32 program, including a special school, a regional occupational center
33 or program operated by a joint powers authority or a county office
34 of education, or an education program providing instruction in
35 transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 12,
36 inclusive, that is offered by a state agency, including the
37 Department of Youth and Community Restoration and the State
38 Department of Developmental Services.

39 (2) "High-priority school" means a school with 55 percent or
40 more of its pupils being unduplicated pupils, as defined in

1 subdivision (b) of Section 42238.02. This designation shall be
2 determined as of the date of the agreement by the teacher described
3 in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a). *department.*

4 ~~SECTION 1. Article 4 (commencing with Section 33550) of~~
5 ~~Chapter 4 of Part 20 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Education Code~~
6 ~~is repealed.~~

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House Resolution

No. 26

Introduced by Assembly Member Friedman

March 28, 2023

House Resolution No. 26—Relative to the Armenian Genocide.

1 WHEREAS, Armenians have resided in Armenian Highlands
2 for approximately four millennia, and have a long and rich history
3 in the region, including the establishment of many kingdoms, and
4 despite Armenians’ historic presence, stewardship, and autonomy
5 in the region, Turkish rulers of the Ottoman Empire and the
6 Republic of Turkey subjected Armenians to severe and unjust
7 persecution and brutality, including wholesale massacres beginning
8 in the 1890s; and

9 WHEREAS, The Armenian nation was subjected to a systematic
10 and premeditated genocide officially beginning on April 24, 1915,
11 at the hands of the Young Turk Government of the Ottoman Empire
12 from 1915 to 1919, inclusive, and continued at the hands of the
13 Kemalist Movement of Turkey from 1920 to 1923, inclusive,
14 whereby over 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children
15 were slaughtered or marched to their deaths in an effort to
16 annihilate the Armenian nation in the first genocide of modern
17 times, while thousands of surviving Armenian women and children
18 were forcibly converted and Islamized, and hundreds of thousands
19 more were subjected to ethnic cleansing during the period of the
20 modern Republic of Turkey from 1924 to 1937, inclusive; and

21 WHEREAS, During the genocides of the Christians living in
22 the Ottoman Empire and surrounding regions, which occurred
23 during the first half of the 20th century, 1.5 million men, women,
24 and children of Armenian descent, and hundreds of thousands of

1 Assyrians, Greeks, and other Christians, lost their lives at the hands
2 of the Ottoman Turkish Empire and the Republic of Turkey,
3 constituting one of the most atrocious violations of human rights
4 in the history of the world; and

5 WHEREAS, These crimes against humanity also had the
6 consequence of permanently removing all traces of the Armenians
7 and other targeted people from their historic homelands of more
8 than four millennia and enriching the perpetrators with the lands
9 and other property of the victims of these crimes, including the
10 usurpation of several thousand churches; and

11 WHEREAS, Between 1918 and 1920, the Ottoman Turkish
12 Army supported the newly established Republic of Azerbaijan in
13 displacing and massacring thousands of Armenians in Baku,
14 Shushi, and Nakhichevan, highlighting the Ottoman Turkish
15 Empire’s goal of erasing Armenians from their own territories and
16 that of neighboring states’ territories; and

17 WHEREAS, In response to the genocide and at the behest of
18 President Woodrow Wilson and the United States Department of
19 State, the Near East Relief organization was founded and became
20 the first congressionally sanctioned American philanthropic effort
21 created exclusively to provide humanitarian assistance and rescue
22 to the Armenian nation and other Christian minorities from
23 annihilation, who went on to survive and thrive outside of their
24 ancestral homeland all over the world and specifically in this state;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Near East Relief succeeded, with the active
27 participation of the citizens from this state, in delivering \$117
28 million in assistance, and saving more than one million refugees,
29 including 132,000 orphans, between 1915 and 1930, by delivering
30 food, clothing, and materials for shelter, setting up refugee camps,
31 clinics, hospitals, and orphanages; and

32 WHEREAS, The Armenian nation survived the genocide despite
33 the attempt by the Ottoman Empire to exterminate it; and

34 WHEREAS, Adolf Hitler, in persuading army commanders that
35 the merciless persecution and killing of Jews, Poles, and other
36 people would bring no retribution, declared, “Who, after all, speaks
37 today of the annihilation of the Armenians?”; and

38 WHEREAS, On November 4, 1918, immediately after the
39 collapse of the Young Turk regime and before the founding of the
40 Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923, the

1 Ottoman Parliament considered a motion on the crimes committed
2 by the Committee of Union and Progress (CUP) stating: “A
3 population of one million people guilty of nothing except belonging
4 to the Armenian nation were massacred and exterminated,
5 including even women and children.” The Minister of Interior at
6 the time, Fethi Bey, responded by telling the Parliament: “It is the
7 intention of the government to cure every single injustice done up
8 until now, as far as the means allow, to make possible the return
9 to their homes of those sent into exile, and to compensate for their
10 material loss as far as possible”; and

11 WHEREAS, On August 1, 1926, in an interview published in
12 the Los Angeles Examiner, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk admitted:
13 “These left-overs from the former Young Turk Party, who should
14 have been made to account for the lives of millions of our Christian
15 subjects who were ruthlessly driven en masse, from their homes
16 and massacred, have been restive under the Republican rule. They
17 have hitherto lived on plunder, robbery and bribery and become
18 inimical to any idea or suggestion to enlist in useful labor and earn
19 their living by the honest sweat of their brow”; and

20 WHEREAS, The Parliamentary Investigative Committee
21 proceeded to collect relevant documents describing the actions of
22 those responsible for the Armenian mass killings and turned them
23 over to the Turkish Military Tribunal. CUP’s leading figures were
24 found guilty of massacring Armenians and hanged or given lengthy
25 prison sentences. The Turkish Military Tribunal requested that
26 Germany extradite to Turkey the masterminds of the massacres
27 who had fled the country. After German refusal, they were tried
28 in absentia and sentenced to death; and

29 WHEREAS, Unlike other people and governments that have
30 admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor
31 regimes, and despite the Turkish government’s earlier admissions
32 and the overwhelming proof of genocidal intent, the Republic of
33 Turkey inexplicably and adamantly has denied the occurrence of
34 the crimes against humanity committed by the Ottoman and Young
35 Turk rulers for many years, and continues to do so a full century
36 since the first crimes constituting genocide occurred; and

37 WHEREAS, Those denials compound the grief of the few
38 remaining survivors and deprive the surviving Armenian nation
39 of its individual and collective ancestral lands, property, cultural
40 heritage, financial assets, and population growth; and

1 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has escalated its
2 international campaign of Armenian Genocide denial, maintained
3 its blockade of Armenia, and increased its pressure on the small
4 but growing movement in Turkey acknowledging the Armenian
5 Genocide and seeking justice for this systematic campaign of
6 destruction of millions of Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians, and other
7 Christians upon their biblical-era homelands; and

8 WHEREAS, Those citizens of Turkey, both Armenian and
9 non-Armenian, who continue to speak the truth about the Armenian
10 Genocide, such as human rights activist and journalist Hrant Dink,
11 continue to be silenced by violent means; and

12 WHEREAS, There is continued concern about the welfare of
13 Christians in the Republic of Turkey, their right to worship and
14 practice freely, and the legal status and condition of thousands of
15 ancient Armenian churches, monasteries, cemeteries, and other
16 historical and cultural structures, sites, and antiquities in the
17 Republic of Turkey; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States is on record as having officially
19 recognized the Armenian Genocide in the United States
20 government's May 28, 1951, written statement to the International
21 Court of Justice regarding the Reservations to the Convention on
22 the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, through
23 President Ronald Reagan's April 22, 1981, Proclamation No. 4838,
24 and by congressional legislation including House Joint Resolution
25 148 adopted on April 9, 1975, and House Joint Resolution 247
26 adopted on September 12, 1984; and

27 WHEREAS, Prior to the Convention on the Prevention and
28 Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the United States had a
29 record of seeking just and constructive means to address the
30 consequences of the Ottoman Empire's intentional destruction of
31 the Armenian people, including through United States Senate
32 Concurrent Resolution 12 adopted on February 9, 1916, United
33 States Senate Resolution 359 adopted on May 11, 1920, and
34 President Woodrow Wilson's November 22, 1920, decision titled,
35 "The Frontier between Armenia and Turkey," which was issued
36 as a binding arbitral award, yet has not been enforced to this date
37 despite its legally binding status; and

38 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama entered office "calling
39 for Turkey's acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide" and on
40 April 24, 2013, and similarly on April 24, 2014, the president

1 further stated, “A full, frank, and just acknowledgment of the facts
2 is in all of our interests. Peoples and nations grow stronger, and
3 build a more just and tolerant future, by acknowledging and
4 reckoning with painful elements of the past”; and

5 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest Armenian
6 American population in the United States, and Armenians living
7 in California have enriched our state through their leadership and
8 contribution in business, agriculture, academia, government, and
9 the arts, many of whom have family members who experienced
10 firsthand the horror and evil of the Armenian Genocide and its
11 ongoing denial; and

12 WHEREAS, Every person should be made aware and educated
13 about the Armenian Genocide and other crimes against humanity
14 to prevent them from occurring in the 21st century; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of California has been at the forefront
16 of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human
17 rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to
18 prevent the recurrence of genocide; and

19 WHEREAS, April 24, 1915, is globally observed and recognized
20 as the commencement of the Armenian Genocide; and

21 WHEREAS, Armenians in California and throughout the world
22 have not been provided with justice for the crimes perpetrated
23 against the Armenian nation despite the fact that over a century
24 has passed since the crimes were first committed; and

25 WHEREAS, To this day, the Armenian people continue to face
26 a threat to their very existence in their ancestral lands at the hands
27 of Turkey and Azerbaijan, seen during the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh
28 war with the perpetration of horrific war crimes and the ethnic
29 cleansing of the region’s indigenous Armenian population, in
30 addition to Azerbaijan’s invasion and occupation of Armenia’s
31 sovereign territory in September 2022, and the ongoing blockade
32 of the Lachin Corridor that has left 120,000 Armenians without
33 access to food, fuel, medicine, and other humanitarian goods for
34 over 3 months; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That April
36 24, 2023, be recognized as “State of California Day of
37 Commemoration of the 108th Anniversary of the Armenian
38 Genocide of 1915–1923”; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Assembly commends its conscientious
40 educators who teach about human rights and genocide and intends

1 for them, through this resolution, to continue to enhance their
2 efforts to educate students at all levels about the experience of the
3 Armenians and other crimes against humanity; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Assembly hereby commends the
5 extraordinary service that was delivered by Near East Relief to the
6 survivors of the Armenian, the Assyrian, and the Greek Genocides,
7 including thousands of direct beneficiaries of American
8 philanthropy who are the parents, grandparents, and
9 great-grandparents of many Californian Armenians, Assyrians,
10 and Greeks, and pledges its intent, through this resolution, to
11 working with community groups, nonprofit organizations, citizens,
12 state personnel, and the community at large to host statewide
13 educational and cultural events; and be it further
14 *Resolved*, That the Assembly deplors the persistent, ongoing
15 efforts by any person, in this country or abroad, to deny the
16 historical fact of the Armenian Genocide; and 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 13, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
HR 26 (Friedman) – As Introduced March 28, 2023

SUBJECT: the Armenian Genocide.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 24, 2023, as “State of California Day of Commemoration of the 108th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923;” and, commends educators who teach about human rights and genocide and intends for them to continue to enhance their efforts to educate students at all levels about the experience of the Armenians and other crimes against humanity. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Armenians have resided in Armenian Highlands for approximately four millennia, and have a long and rich history in the region, including the establishment of many kingdoms, and despite Armenians’ historic presence, stewardship, and autonomy in the region, Turkish rulers of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey subjected Armenians to severe and unjust persecution and brutality, including wholesale massacres beginning in the 1890s.
- 2) The Armenian nation was subjected to a systematic and premeditated genocide officially beginning on April 24, 1915, at the hands of the Young Turk Government of the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1919, inclusive, and continued at the hands of the Kemalist Movement of Turkey from 1920 to 1923, inclusive, whereby over 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children were slaughtered or marched to their deaths in an effort to annihilate the Armenian nation in the first genocide of modern times, while thousands of surviving Armenian women and children were forcibly converted and Islamized, and hundreds of thousands more were subjected to ethnic cleansing during the period of the modern Republic of Turkey from 1924 to 1937.
- 3) California is home to the largest Armenian American population in the United States, and Armenians living in California have enriched our state through their leadership and contribution in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts, many of whom have family members who experienced firsthand the horror and evil of the Armenian Genocide and its ongoing denial.
- 4) Every person should be made aware and educated about the Armenian Genocide and other crimes against humanity. The State of California has been at the forefront of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to prevent the recurrence of genocide.
- 5) April 24, 1915, is globally observed and recognized as the commencement of the Armenian Genocide.
- 6) Armenians in California and throughout the world have not been provided with justice for the crimes perpetrated against the Armenian nation despite the fact that over a century has passed since the crimes were first committed.

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

COMMENTS:

- 1) Purpose of the resolution: In support of HR 26, the author states:

“Beginning in April of 1915, the Armenian nation was subjected to a systematic and premeditated genocide at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire and the Republic of Turkey. Over 8 years, 1.5 million Armenians and hundreds of thousands of Assyrians, Greeks, and other Christians perished. Sadly, the horrors of the Armenian Genocide and the silence of bystanders were used as a roadmap for future evil. Less than a decade after the Armenian Genocide, as Hitler developed his plans for the Holocaust, he reassured his commanders that they would not face retribution by specifically citing the genocide and absence of accountability. HR 26 recognizes the horrific loss of life, commemorates the work done by educators and advocates to raise awareness of the experience of Armenians and human rights, and calls upon leaders in the United States and around the world to not just acknowledge the Armenian Genocide, but also work to ensure that the atrocities are not repeated.”

- 2) Arguments in Opposition: The California Turkish Alliance opposes this resolution and states:

“The annual introduction of HR 26 and similar resolutions perpetuates a harmful cycle of demonization and slander against the Turkish community in California. While it is important to have an open and respectful dialogue about sensitive topics like the ‘Armenian Genocide’, it is crucial that all parties seek a better understanding of historical events based on factual and objective analysis. Instead of perpetuating division and hostility, we should strive to unite people by acknowledging the past and working towards a better future together. Therefore, we propose that any resolution on this issue should be based on an objective examination of historical facts and figures, and promote a message of reconciliation and understanding.”

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

California Turkish Alliance

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Regarding: Opposition to HR 26 (Armenian Genocide)

Dear Chairman Ramos,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Turkish community in California to express our concern about the ongoing demonization and slander that affects our society in a negative and unjustified way. As Mark Twain once said, "It is easier to fool the people than to convince them that they have been fooled."

We have been accused of denying the so-called Armenian Genocide, but it is important to note that the international court has rejected Armenia's request on this matter twice.

To help you make an informed decision, I would like to present you with two short documents from the US and Armenian archives. The first document is a quote from former Armenian Prime Minister

Katchaznoui, who addressed the Armenian Assembly in Bucharest in July 1923:

"In the fall of 1914, Armenian volunteer bands organized themselves and fought against the Turks. This was an inevitable result of the psychology on which the Armenian people had nourished themselves the entire generation. We did not doubt that war would end with the complete victory of the Allies; Turkey would be defeated and dismembered, and its Armenian population would, at last, be liberated."

The second document is a report from M.L. Bristol, Rear Admiral in the US Navy, who served as the United States High Commissioner in Turkey:

"I see that reports are being freely circulated in the United States that the Turks massacred thousands of Armenians in the Caucasus. Such reports are repeated so many times that it makes my blood boil. The Near East Relief has the reports from Yarrow and our American people, which show that such Armenian reports are false. The circulation of such false reports in the United States, without refutation, is an outrage." This source can be found in the US Library of Congress, Bristol papers - General Correspondence, Container # 34, dated March 28, 1921.

We believe that HR 26 and previous resolutions only contribute to the perpetuation of hate. In fact, 47 Turkish diplomats have been murdered by Armenian terrorists, three of whom were in California. These diplomats were killed by young Armenians who had no firsthand experience with the tragedy and were brainwashed by the Armenian diaspora.

We recognize that Armenians have also suffered, and we sympathize with their pain. However, HR 26 has nothing to do with Greeks, Assyrian Armenian, or genocide.

We urge you to consider the case of Gurgen Yanikian, who invited two Turkish diplomats to lunch and then shot and killed them. Hampig Sassounian, who assassinated Turkish consulate Kemal Arikian in Los Angeles. Armenian families brought school children to Yanikian's grave and presented him as a hero, while Sassounian received donations from Armenian children for his legal defense. We believe that if Yanikian and Sassounian were of a different race or socioeconomic background, they would be on death row.

We acknowledge that the United States has a painful history of negative propaganda that has led to pain, suffering, and even death. We have rounded up Japanese dissenters, killed natives and black people, and discriminated against homosexuals. We must learn from our mistakes and take swift action to prevent history from repeating itself.

In conclusion, we respectfully ask you to vote NO on HR 26 to stop the hate propaganda that divides the citizens of California.

Mr. Chairman Ramos, we urge you to lead us in building joint resolutions that unite the people and bring peace and prosperity to our nation.

Respectfully yours,



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