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Thursday, April 6, 2017  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 3162

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 4/5/2017  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, AB 46 and AB 168 have been added to the list of referrals.

## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

04/06/2017

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 46</u>	L. & E.
<u>AB 168</u>	L. & E.
<u>AJR 9</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>HR 29</u>	ED.
<u>SCR 4</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 18</u>	RLS.

## RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

04/06/2017

The Committee on Rules has re-referred the following bills to Committee:

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

AB 1663

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND  
TOXIC MATERIALS

AB 954

HEALTH

\*\*AB 1389

JUDICIARY

\*AB 1389

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

\*\*AB 349

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, RETIREMENT  
AND SOCIAL SECURITY

\*AB 349

VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 48**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin**

March 29, 2017

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Citrus Strong Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 48, as introduced, Irwin. Citrus Strong Month.

This measure would recognize the month of April 2017 as Citrus Strong Month for the purpose of celebrating California’s vibrant citrus industry and the benefits it provides to the state’s environment, economy, and people, and to affirm that California is citrus strong.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Citrus is an iconic symbol of California’s heritage,  
2 dating back to the 1840s; and  
3 WHEREAS, California leads the nation in the production of  
4 fresh citrus fruit; and  
5 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of the nation’s supply of fresh citrus  
6 is grown in California; and  
7 WHEREAS, Ongoing research shows the many health benefits  
8 of consuming fresh citrus; and  
9 WHEREAS, California citrus is a \$3 billion industry that  
10 supports over 22,000 jobs and fuels over \$1.5 billion in economic  
11 activity for the state each year; and  
12 WHEREAS, Citrus growers are committed to preserving  
13 California’s precious natural resources by adopting farming

1 practices that conserve water, reduce air pollution, and promote  
2 healthy soils; and

3 WHEREAS, California's citrus growers give back to local  
4 communities and families in need; and

5 WHEREAS, California's citrus growers donate over 19 million  
6 pounds of citrus to the Farm to Family program each year, a  
7 program that is dedicated to delivering food to individuals, families,  
8 and children in need and to strengthening communities by  
9 providing food security; and

10 WHEREAS, The annual Citrus Stride will take place at the State  
11 Capitol Building on April 19, 2017, and for every registered  
12 participant, the citrus industry will donate 1,000 pounds of citrus  
13 to the Farm to Family program; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of  
16 April 2017 as Citrus Strong Month for the purpose of celebrating  
17 California's vibrant citrus industry and the benefits it provides to  
18 the state's environment, economy, and people, and to affirm that  
19 California is citrus strong; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 48 (Irwin) – As Introduced March 29, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Citrus Strong Month

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of April 2017 as Citrus Strong Month for the purpose of celebrating California's vibrant citrus industry and the benefits it provides the state's environment, economy, and people, and to affirm that California is citrus strong. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Citrus is an iconic symbol of California's heritage, dating back to the 1840's and California leads the nation in the production of fresh citrus fruit.
- 2) Eighty percent of the nation's supply of fresh citrus is grown in California.
- 3) California citrus is a \$3 billion dollar industry that supports over 22,000 jobs and fuels over \$1.5 billion in economic activity for the state each year.
- 4) Citrus growers are committed to preserving California's precious natural resources by adopting farming practices that conserve water, reduce air pollution, and promote healthy soils.
- 5) California's citrus growers donate over 19 million pounds of citrus to the Farm to Family program each year, which is dedicated to delivering food to individuals, families, and children in need and to strengthening communities by providing food security.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

## Assembly Joint Resolution

**No. 3**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Nazarian and Friedman**  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Wilk)

December 5, 2016

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3—Relative to the Armenian Genocide.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 3, as introduced, Nazarian. Armenian Genocide.

This measure would, among other things, designate the year of 2017 as “State of California Year of Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923,” would designate April 24, 2017, as “State of California Day of Commemoration of the 102nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923,” and would call upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide.

Fiscal committee: no.

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

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

13 WHEREAS, During the genocides of the Christians living in  
14 the Ottoman Empire and surrounding regions, which occurred  
15 during the first one-half of the 20th century, 1.5 million men,  
16 women, and children of Armenian descent, and hundreds of  
17 thousands of Assyrians, Greeks, and other Christians, lost their  
18 lives at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire and the Republic  
19 of Turkey, constituting one of the most atrocious violations of  
20 human rights in the history of the world; and

21 WHEREAS, These crimes against humanity also had the  
22 consequence of permanently removing all traces of the Armenians  
23 and other targeted people from their historic homelands of more  
24 than four millennia, and enriching the perpetrators with the lands  
25 and other property of the victims of these crimes, including the  
26 usurpation of several thousand churches; and

27 WHEREAS, In response to the genocide and at the behest of  
28 President Woodrow Wilson and the United States State  
29 Department, the Near East Relief organization was founded, and  
30 became the first congressionally sanctioned American philanthropic  
31 effort created exclusively to provide humanitarian assistance and  
32 rescue to the Armenian nation and other Christian minorities from  
33 annihilation, who went on to survive and thrive outside of their  
34 ancestral homeland all over the world and specifically in this state;  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Near East Relief succeeded, with the active  
37 participation of the citizens from this state, in delivering \$117  
38 million in assistance, and saving more than one million refugees,  
39 including 132,000 orphans, between 1915 and 1930, by delivering

1 food, clothing, and materials for shelter, setting up refugee camps,  
2 clinics, hospitals, and orphanages; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Adolf Hitler, in persuading his army commanders  
6 that the merciless persecution and killing of Jews, Poles, and other  
7 people would bring no retribution, declared, “Who, after all, speaks  
8 today of the annihilation of the Armenians?”; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 4, 1918, immediately after the  
10 collapse of the Young Turk regime and before the founding of the  
11 Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923, the  
12 Ottoman Parliament considered a motion on the crimes committed  
13 by the Committee of Union and Progress (CUP) stating: “A  
14 population of one million people guilty of nothing except belonging  
15 to the Armenian nation were massacred and exterminated,  
16 including even women and children.” The Minister of Interior at  
17 the time, Fethi Bey, responded by telling the Parliament: “It is the  
18 intention of the government to cure every single injustice done up  
19 until now, as far as the means allow, to make possible the return  
20 to their homes of those sent into exile, and to compensate for their  
21 material loss as far as possible”; and

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

31 WHEREAS, The Parliamentary Investigative Committee  
32 proceeded to collect relevant documents describing the actions of  
33 those responsible for the Armenian mass killings and turned them  
34 over to the Turkish Military Tribunal. CUP’s leading figures were  
35 found guilty of massacring Armenians and hanged or given lengthy  
36 prison sentences. The Turkish Military Tribunal requested that  
37 Germany extradite to Turkey the masterminds of the massacres  
38 who had fled the country. After German refusal, they were tried  
39 in absentia and sentenced to death; and

1 WHEREAS, Unlike other people and governments that have  
2 admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor  
3 regimes, and despite the Turkish government's earlier admissions  
4 and the overwhelming proof of genocidal intent, the Republic of  
5 Turkey inexplicably and adamantly has denied the occurrence of  
6 the crimes against humanity committed by the Ottoman and Young  
7 Turk rulers for many years, and continues to do so a full century  
8 since the first crimes constituting genocide occurred; and

9 WHEREAS, Those denials compound the grief of the few  
10 remaining survivors and deprive the surviving Armenian nation  
11 of its individual and collective ancestral lands, property, cultural  
12 heritage, financial assets, and population growth; and

13 WHEREAS, The Republic of Turkey has escalated its  
14 international campaign of Armenian Genocide denial, maintained  
15 its blockade of Armenia, and increased its pressure on the small  
16 but growing movement in Turkey acknowledging the Armenian  
17 Genocide and seeking justice for this systematic campaign of  
18 destruction of millions of Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians, and other  
19 Christians upon their biblical-era homelands; and

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

24 WHEREAS, There is continued concern about the welfare of  
25 Christians in the Republic of Turkey, their right to worship and  
26 practice freely, and the legal status and condition of thousands of  
27 ancient Armenian churches, monasteries, cemeteries, and other  
28 historical and cultural structures, sites, and antiquities in the  
29 Republic of Turkey; and

30 WHEREAS, The United States is on record as having officially  
31 recognized the Armenian Genocide in the United States  
32 government's May 28, 1951, written statement to the International  
33 Court of Justice regarding the Reservations to the Convention on  
34 the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, through  
35 President Ronald Reagan's April 22, 1981, Proclamation No. 4838,  
36 and by congressional legislation including House Joint Resolution  
37 148 adopted on April 9, 1975, and House Joint Resolution 247  
38 adopted on September 12, 1984; and

39 WHEREAS, Prior to the Convention on the Prevention and  
40 Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the United States had a

1 record of seeking just and constructive means to address the  
2 consequences of the Ottoman Empire’s intentional destruction of  
3 the Armenian people, including through United States Senate  
4 Concurrent Resolution 12 adopted on February 9, 1916, United  
5 States Senate Resolution 359 adopted on May 11, 1920, and  
6 President Woodrow Wilson’s November 22, 1920, decision titled,  
7 “The Frontier between Armenia and Turkey,” which was issued  
8 as a binding arbitral award, yet has not been enforced to this date  
9 despite its legally binding status; and

10 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama entered office “calling  
11 for Turkey’s acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide” and on  
12 April 24, 2013, and similarly on April 24, 2014, he further stated,  
13 “A full, frank, and just acknowledgment of the facts is in all of  
14 our interests. Peoples and nations grow stronger, and build a more  
15 just and tolerant future, by acknowledging and reckoning with  
16 painful elements of the past”; and

17 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest Armenian  
18 American population in the United States, and Armenians living  
19 in California have enriched our state through their leadership and  
20 contribution in business, agriculture, academia, government, and  
21 the arts, many of whom have family members who experienced  
22 firsthand the horror and evil of the Armenian Genocide and its  
23 ongoing denial; and

24 WHEREAS, Every person should be made aware and educated  
25 about the Armenian Genocide and other crimes against humanity;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The State of California has been at the forefront  
28 of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human  
29 rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to  
30 prevent the recurrence of genocide; and

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

33 WHEREAS, Armenians in the State of California and throughout  
34 the world have not been provided with justice for the crimes  
35 perpetrated against the Armenian nation despite the fact that over  
36 a century has passed since the crimes were first committed; and

37 WHEREAS, The Armenian people in the State of California  
38 and throughout the world remain resolved and their spirit continues  
39 to thrive more than a century after their near annihilation; now,  
40 therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
2 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature hereby designates the year  
3 of 2017 as “State of California Year of Commemoration of the  
4 Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923” and in  
5 doing so, intends, through the enactment of legislation, that the  
6 Armenian Genocide is properly commemorated and taught to its  
7 citizens and visitors through statewide educational and cultural  
8 events; and be it further

9 *Resolved,* That the Legislature hereby designates April 24, 2017,  
10 as “State of California Day of Commemoration of the 102nd  
11 Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923”; and be it  
12 further

13 *Resolved,* That the Legislature commends its conscientious  
14 educators who teach about human rights and genocide, and intends  
15 for them, through the enactment of legislation, to continue to  
16 enhance their efforts to educate students at all levels about the  
17 experience of the Armenians and other crimes against humanity;  
18 and be it further

19 *Resolved,* That the Legislature hereby commends the  
20 extraordinary service which was delivered by Near East Relief to  
21 the survivors of the Armenian Genocide and the Assyrian  
22 Genocide, including thousands of direct beneficiaries of American  
23 philanthropy who are the parents, grandparents, and  
24 great-grandparents of many Californian Armenians and Assyrians,  
25 and pledges its intent, through the enactment of legislation, to  
26 working with community groups, nonprofit organizations, citizens,  
27 state personnel, and the community at large to host statewide  
28 educational and cultural events; and be it further

29 *Resolved,* That the Legislature deplores the persistent, ongoing  
30 efforts by any person, in this country or abroad, to deny the  
31 historical fact of the Armenian Genocide; and be it further

32 *Resolved,* That the Legislature respectfully calls upon the  
33 President of the United States and the United States Congress to  
34 formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the  
35 atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted  
36 genocide; and be it further

37 *Resolved,* That the Legislature calls on the President of the  
38 United States to work toward equitable, constructive, stable, and  
39 durable Armenian-Turkish relations; and be it further

1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
2 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
3 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
4 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative  
5 from California in the Congress of the United States, to the  
6 Governor of California, to every member of the California State  
7 Legislature, and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Date of Hearing: April 6, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
AJR 3 (Nazarian) – As Introduced December 5, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Armenian Genocide

**SUMMARY:** Designates the year of 2017 as "State of California Year of Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923," designates April 24, 2017, as "State of California Day of Commemoration of the 102nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923," and calls upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Armenians have resided in Asia Minor and the Caucasus 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 1915–1919 and continued at the hands of the Kemalist Movement of Turkey from 1920–1923 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 1924–1937.
- 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) 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) The Armenian people, in the State of California and throughout the world remain resolved and their spirit continues to thrive more than a century after their near annihilation.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

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American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



February 1, 2017

**TO: The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair  
The Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Rules**

**RE: Assembly Joint Resolution 3 (Nazarian and Friedman) – AFSCME SUPPORTS**

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, would like to inform you of our **support for Assembly Joint Resolution 3**, as introduced on December 5th, 2016.

California is home to more Armenian Americans than any other state, with slightly less than half of the US Armenian population residing in the Los Angeles area. California has a responsibility to honor the sacrifices of the Armenian American community. One and a half million Armenian men, women, and children were massacred during the Turkish Ottoman Empire's attempt to eliminate the Armenian race. Too many governments have ignored the consensus of academic institutions and historians by failing to consistently and formally recognize that these events constituted genocide.

AJR 3 would reaffirm California's position as a global leader by addressing the need to recognize the Armenian Genocide. It would designate the year of 2017 as "State of California Year of Commemoration of the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923," would designate April 24, 2017, as "State of California Day of Commemoration of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923," and would call upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide.

AJR 3 is not only a positive step toward respecting the history of the diverse peoples that make up our state. It is also an imperative step toward learning from that history. Failure to do so can only lead to history's repetition, a risk we cannot take when it comes to protecting basic human rights.

**Please join us in supporting Assembly Joint Resolution 3.**

Should you have any questions regarding our position in this matter, you may call me at your earliest convenience. AFSCME also reserves the right to change our position in the event of future amendments.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Allison  
Political and Legislative Director, California

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**American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO**

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

March 13, 2017

Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Rm. 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: AB 1192 (Lackey) Urgency**

Dear Chairman Cooley,

I respectfully request an urgency clause be added to Assembly Bill 1192, regarding possession of high-capacity magazines for reserve peace officers.

Due to a technical oversight, consideration was not taken into account that most honorably separated Level 1 reserve peace officers do not receive a pension and thus they will not meet the definition of "honorably retired" peace officers to continue to possess high capacity magazines. An urgency clause is needed in order to move legislation through the system before the deadline on relinquishing the magazines with no way of replacing them for retired reserves.

AB 1192 offers a proposed amendment to section 16690 on an urgency basis, to become effective prior to July 1, 2017, thereby preserving the right of honorably separated Level 1 reserve peace officers to retain possession of presently-owned magazines designed for their lawfully carried weapons on the same basis as their full-time retired colleagues.

For any questions regarding this request please contact Mark Isidro at x1201.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Lackey".

Tom Lackey  
Assemblymember, 36<sup>th</sup> District

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AND INNOVATION CAUCUS

March 22, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Joint Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Cooley:

I respectfully request that an urgency clause is added to Assembly Bill 1456 (Low) which extends the timeline for psychologists to obtain their license from three years to five years.

Current vacancy levels at many of the state prisons and state hospitals are significantly high. Due to their locations, the prisons and state hospitals have a hard time recruiting psychologists to fill institutional needs. At one state hospital in the Central Valley, the vacancy level hovers near 50% of civil service psychologists. While being able to recruit psychologists is a significant issue, so is retaining them.

The Department of State Hospital (DSH), upon passage of AB 705 (Chapter 218, Statutes of 2015), sought to extend the waiver that allowed psychologists to work for three years to the five years without their license so they could retain staffing levels and continue to provide the needed psychological services to their patients.

DSH was informed that as they operate under the penal code, so do the psychologists that work in those facilities, granting them only the three years to work under the waiver. This has led to the non-punitive termination of many psychologists working within DSH. AB 1456 brings conformity to the law governing licensure for psychologists by extending the timeline to obtain a license from three years to five years.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that an urgency clause is added to AB 1456. Please contact Tatum Holland in my office at 916-319-2028 should any questions arise.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Evan Low".

**Evan Low**  
Assembly District 28

**COMMITTEES**

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AND SOCIAL SECURITY  
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BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2 ON  
EDUCATION FINANCE

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# Assembly California Legislature



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March 13, 2017

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

I respectfully request authorization to add an urgency clause to Assembly Bill 1533. As amended, this measure will make permanent the Long Beach College Promise program (the Promise), a partnership between Long Beach Unified School District; Long Beach City College; California State University, Long Beach; and the City of Long Beach.

The Promise is a successful, award-winning model program. In fact, last year's budget included \$15 million to incentivize other localities to start a college promise program that is based on the Long Beach College Promise.

Statutory authorization for the Promise sunsets on June 30, 2017. An urgency clause is necessary in order for AB 1533 to take effect immediately and avoid any interruption in student enrollment for the following school year. Please contact Mike Sharif at 319-2070 should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PATRICK O'DONNELL  
Assemblymember, 70<sup>th</sup> District