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Upon adjournment of Session  
State Capitol, Room 126

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 1/13/2023  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Attached are three referral recommendations.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

01/17/2023

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACR 2</u>	RLS.
<u>ACR 3</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 5</u>	RLS.

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 2**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Weber**

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December 16, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Relative to Maternal Health Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 2, as introduced, Weber. Maternal Health Awareness Day.

This measure would proclaim January 23, 2023, as Maternal Health Awareness Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States ranks highest among
- 2 industrialized nations in maternal mortality; and
- 3 WHEREAS, More than 700 women die each year in the United
- 4 States as a result of pregnancy or delivery complications, and more
- 5 than one-half of these deaths are preventable; and

1 WHEREAS, While the national maternal mortality rate continues  
2 to rise, California continues to work diligently and successfully to  
3 reverse this alarming trend; and  
4 WHEREAS, The California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative  
5 (CMQCC), a multistakeholder organization committed to ending  
6 preventable morbidity, mortality, and racial disparities in California  
7 maternity care, was founded in 2006 at Stanford University School  
8 of Medicine, in coordination with the California  
9 Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (CA-PAMR) and the  
10 Public Health Institute, in response to rising maternal mortality  
11 and morbidity rates; and  
12 WHEREAS, CMQCC uses research, quality improvement  
13 toolkits, statewide outreach collaboratives, and its innovative  
14 Maternal Data Center to improve health outcomes for mothers and  
15 infants; and  
16 WHEREAS, Since the inception of CMQCC and CA-PAMR,  
17 California has recorded a maternal mortality decline by 55 percent  
18 from 2006 to 2013, inclusive, and has successfully decreased the  
19 maternal mortality rate to 7 deaths per 100,000 live births; and  
20 WHEREAS, California’s annual pregnancy-related mortality  
21 ratios remained low and largely stable from 2008 to 2016,  
22 inclusive, fluctuating between 9.5 and 14.9 deaths per 100,000  
23 live births; and  
24 WHEREAS, CA-PAMR reported that California suicide ratios  
25 remained relatively stable from 2008 to 2016, inclusive, regardless  
26 of pregnancy status, and women who were pregnant in the year  
27 prior to death were significantly less likely to die by suicide than  
28 reproductive-age women who were not pregnant within the prior  
29 year; and  
30 WHEREAS, A woman’s maternal mental health condition can  
31 also be a factor in maternal mortality. Recent efforts have been  
32 made to bring greater awareness to maternal mental health and to  
33 ensure more women are screened and treated for postpartum  
34 depression or psychosis and remain covered by health insurance  
35 upon diagnosis; and  
36 WHEREAS, Improved screening alone can reduce the severity  
37 of postpartum depression. Obstetric providers are implementing  
38 more aggressive screening techniques and making strides to further  
39 recognize and, therefore, treat maternal mental health conditions;  
40 and



1 WHEREAS, While California has set an example for the rest  
2 of the country and has made progress to reduce maternal mortality  
3 through investment in maternal health programs, strong leadership  
4 and engagement of the maternity care community, and targeted  
5 hospital quality improvement, more needs to be done to narrow  
6 racial and ethnic disparities, especially with Black women whose  
7 pregnancy-related mortality ratio was four to six times greater than  
8 the mortality ratios for women of other racial or ethnic groups,  
9 including White, Hispanic, and Asian and Pacific Islander; and

10 WHEREAS, The State Department of Public Health must  
11 continue its surveillance to bring heightened awareness to maternal  
12 health; and

13 WHEREAS, California must maintain its efforts to maximize  
14 health prior to pregnancy, including, but not limited to, preventing  
15 smoking, improving fitness, reducing sexually transmitted diseases,  
16 and promoting positive relationships; and

17 WHEREAS, California must continue to address the postpartum  
18 needs of women through such efforts as postpartum visits and  
19 interconception care, breastfeeding support, and screening for  
20 postpartum depression; and

21 WHEREAS, California should continue to promote positive  
22 birth outcomes for all women through such actions as maternity  
23 care quality improvement and home visiting for vulnerable,  
24 pregnant women, to provide additional support for Black women,  
25 and to further increase culturally and linguistically relevant public  
26 awareness about maternal mental health risk factors, signs,  
27 symptoms, treatment, and recovery; and

28 WHEREAS, California should maintain its efforts to improve  
29 the coordination of care between obstetrics and psychiatry  
30 regarding mental health treatment, as needed, and to continue  
31 advancements for improved screening for mental health conditions  
32 during and after pregnancy, as well as screening for substance use,  
33 adverse childhood experiences, medical diagnoses, including  
34 infectious disease, and intimate partner violence; and

35 WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to bring awareness to  
36 maternal health and continue its work to provide positive outcomes  
37 for both the mother and the infant; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
39 *thereof concurring,* That the Assembly proclaims January 23,  
40 2023, as Maternal Health Awareness Day to draw attention to the

1 efforts that have improved maternal health in California and to  
 2 highlight the need for continued improvement of maternal health  
 3 for all women; and be it further  
 4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
 5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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8 REVISIONS:

9 Heading—Line 2.

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Date of Hearing: January 17, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 2 (Weber) – As Introduced December 16, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Maternal Health Awareness Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims January 23, 2023, as Maternal Health Awareness Day, to draw attention to the efforts that have improved maternal health in California and to highlight the need for continued improvement of maternal health for all pregnant people. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The United States ranks highest among industrialized nations in maternal mortality.
- 2) While the national maternal mortality rate continues to rise, California has worked diligently and successfully to reverse the alarming trend.
- 3) The California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC), a multi-stakeholder organization committed to ending preventable morbidity, mortality, and racial disparities in California maternity care, was founded in 2006 at Stanford University School of Medicine, in coordination with the California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (CA-PAMR) and the Public Health Institute, in response to rising maternal mortality and morbidity rates
- 4) The CMQCC uses research, quality improvement toolkits, statewide outreach collaboratives, and its innovative Maternal Data Center to improve health outcomes for mothers and infants.
- 5) A woman's maternal mental health condition can also be a factor in maternal mortality. Recent efforts have been made to bring greater awareness to maternal mental health and to ensure more women are screened and treated for postpartum depression or psychosis and remain covered by health insurance upon diagnosis.
- 6) Improved screening alone can reduce the severity of postpartum depression. Obstetric providers are implementing more aggressive screening techniques and making strides to further recognize and therefore treat maternal mental health conditions.
- 7) The State Department of Public Health must continue its surveillance to bring heightened awareness to maternal health.
- 8) California must maintain its efforts to maximize health prior to pregnancy, including, but not limited to, preventing smoking, improving fitness, reducing sexually transmitted diseases, and promoting positive relationships; and, must continue to address the postpartum needs of women through such efforts as postpartum visits and interconception care, breastfeeding support, and screening for postpartum depression.
- 9) California should maintain its efforts to improve the coordination of care between obstetrics and psychiatry regarding mental health treatment, as needed, and to continue advancements for improved screening for mental health conditions during and after pregnancy, as well as screening for substance use, adverse childhood experiences, medical diagnoses, including, infectious disease, and intimate partner violence.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District IX (ACOG)

**Opposition**

None on file

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# American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

## District IX

January 9, 2023

The Honorable James Ramos, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
State Capitol, Room 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 2 (Weber) - SPONSOR

Dear Chair Ramos:

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District IX (ACOG) is pleased to sponsor and support ACR 2 (Weber), which declares January 23, 2023 as Maternal Health Awareness Day.

While California continues to lead the nation in preventing maternal deaths, there is still much more work to be done. The maternal mortality rate in the United States is higher than any other resource-rich nation, and approximately 60% of maternal deaths are preventable. Inexcusably, almost all women of color are disproportionately impacted by this crisis. For example, new data shows that Black women were four to six times more likely to die within a year of pregnancy than white women from 2014 to 2016 and had a higher rate of death than Black women nationally from 2014 to 2017. This must stop.

Maternal mortality is a public health crisis, and we must continue to focus our attention and resources on addressing this crisis and saving the lives of mothers across the country.

To help more people to learn about the urgency of the country's maternal mortality crisis and how we can work together to reverse its course, ACOG is pleased to sponsor and ask for your support of ACR 2 declaring January 23 as Maternal Health Awareness Day. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ryan Spencer  
Legislative Advocate

CC: Assemblymember Dr. Akilah Weber

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 3**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Haney**

January 9, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3—Relative to Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 3, as introduced, Haney. Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

This measure would designate the week of January 29, 2023, to February 4, 2023, inclusive, as Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists are guardians of patient  
2 safety in health care: in the operating room, in the delivery room,  
3 in the intensive care unit, in pain management clinics, and on the  
4 front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

5 WHEREAS, Their years of education and training prepare  
6 physician anesthesiologists to navigate life-and-death moments,  
7 transitioning from the operating room to the emergency room and  
8 acting as airway management experts for the sickest of patients  
9 diagnosed with COVID-19; and

10 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists were made for this  
11 moment, playing a critical role in keeping patients safe in  
12 California, whether caring for COVID-19 patients, managing a  
13 crisis during surgery or labor and delivery, or providing pain  
14 management; and

15 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, more than 100  
16 million operations and procedures are performed with anesthesia,

1 and physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in a patient’s  
2 well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures and make  
3 patient safety their top priority; and  
4 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists have the highest levels  
5 of training and must complete between 12,000 and 16,000 hours  
6 of training before practicing independently; and  
7 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists have been leaders in  
8 patient safety, as anesthesiology is cited as the only medical  
9 specialty to have significantly improved patient safety; and  
10 WHEREAS, A physician anesthesiologist’s duties include  
11 evaluating a patient’s current health before receiving anesthesia  
12 to ensure the best outcome, administering anesthesia, monitoring  
13 the patient during surgery, and assessing the patient after the  
14 procedure is completed; and  
15 WHEREAS, This spectrum of patient care constitutes the  
16 perioperative surgical home, which the American Society of  
17 Anesthesiologists has identified as an innovative model in patient  
18 care in which the physician anesthesiologist directs the anesthesia  
19 care team to provide support to the patient throughout all aspects  
20 of surgical care and procedures; and  
21 WHEREAS, There is up to a 20-percent reduction in adverse  
22 events when physician anesthesiologists lead the anesthesia care  
23 team; and  
24 WHEREAS, The American Medical Association completed a  
25 public opinion survey that concluded 70 percent of patients want  
26 a physician to administer and monitor anesthesia levels; and  
27 WHEREAS, Anesthesia is safer than ever before, yet there  
28 remains potential for complications and side effects during  
29 procedures, and physician anesthesiologists have the training and  
30 expertise to help minimize these risks, monitor for any problems,  
31 and take quick action; and  
32 WHEREAS, During surgeries or procedures, when seconds  
33 count, physician anesthesiologists have the highest degree of  
34 training to respond to emergencies and ensure the best patient  
35 outcomes; and  
36 WHEREAS, The California Society of Anesthesiologists is a  
37 physician organization with over 3,000 members dedicated to  
38 promoting the highest standards of the profession of  
39 anesthesiology, fostering excellence through continuing medical

1 education, and serving as an advocate for anesthesiologists and  
2 their patients; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
5 week of January 29, 2023, to February 4, 2023, inclusive, as  
6 Physician Anesthesiologist Week; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: January 17, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 3 (Haney) – As Introduced January 9, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the week of January 29, 2023, to February 4, 2023, inclusive, as Physician Anesthesiologist Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Annually in the United States, more than 100 million operations and procedures are performed with anesthesia, and physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in a patient's well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures and make patient safety their top priority.
- 2) Physician anesthesiologists are guardians of patient safety in health care: in the operating room, in the delivery room, in the intensive care unit, in pain management clinics, and on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3) Physician anesthesiologists have the highest levels of training and must complete between 12,000 and 16,000 hours of training before practicing independently.
- 4) Their years of education and training prepare physician anesthesiologists to navigate life-and-death moments, transitioning from the operating room to the emergency room and acting as airway management experts for the sickest of patients diagnosed with COVID-19.
- 5) Physician anesthesiologists have been leaders in patient safety, as anesthesiology is cited as the only medical specialty to have significantly improved patient safety.
- 6) Physician anesthesiologists were made for this moment, playing a critical role in keeping patients safe in California, whether caring for COVID-19 patients, managing a crisis during surgery or labor and delivery, or providing pain management.

**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. 5**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Stephanie Nguyen, Bains,  
Mike Fong, Kalra, Lee, Low, Muratsuchi, and Ting**

January 5, 2023

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House Resolution No. 5—Relative to Lunar New Year.

1 WHEREAS, January 22, 2023, will mark the beginning of the  
2 Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities  
3 around the world, including in the United States and especially in  
4 California; and

5 WHEREAS, California is home to nearly 6,000,000 Asian and  
6 Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese,  
7 Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean,  
8 Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and  
9 Vietnamese descent; and

10 WHEREAS, The Asian and Pacific Islander American  
11 communities have contributed to the social, cultural, civic,  
12 economic, and academic success of the state; and

13 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated  
14 by the 2,500,000 Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Iu-Mien  
15 residents of California; and

16 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is universally celebrated by  
17 these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the  
18 new year with a clean slate; and

19 WHEREAS, This Lunar New Year is the Year of the Rabbit;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year in  
22 communities throughout California illustrates the state's rich

1 cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural  
2 diversity; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing and signing of Assembly Bill 2596  
4 of the 2021–22 Regular Session adds Lunar New Year to the list  
5 of official California state holidays; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
7 Legislature joins Asian and Pacific Islander communities  
8 throughout the state in celebrating January 22, 2023, as the  
9 beginning of the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a  
10 peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Californians; and  
11 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: January 17, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
HR 5 (Stephanie Nguyen) – As Introduced January 5, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Lunar New Year.

**SUMMARY:** Celebrates January 22, 2023, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) January 22, 2023, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including the United States, and especially in California.
- 2) California is home to nearly six million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese descent.
- 3) The Asian and Pacific Islander American communities have contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state.
- 4) The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated by the 2.5 million Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Iu-Mien residents of California.
- 5) This Lunar New Year is the Year of the Rabbit and is universally celebrated by these communities as a time to renew family ties and start the new year with a clean slate.
- 6) The celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout California illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural diversity.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
FOR THE 2023-24 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**ISSUE:**

Appointment of Lia Lopez as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly for the 2023-24 Legislative Session.

**BACKGROUND:**

Assembly Rule 14(d) states that the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules shall appoint a Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly, subject to the ratification of the Committee on Rules, who has duties relating to the administrative, fiscal and business affairs of the Assembly that the committee shall prescribe.

The Chair of Rules recommends that the appointment of Lia Lopez as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly for the 2023-24 Legislative Session be ratified by the Committee on Rules.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
2023 ASSEMBLY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**ISSUE:**

Approval of the proposed holiday schedule for the year 2023.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Assembly Committee on Rules is responsible for creating a holiday schedule to be observed by Assembly employees during the calendar year.

In addition, the Rules Committee has authorized Assembly employees to take two personal holidays at any time during the year with the approval of the Assemblymember or supervisor.

In the instances where the proposed Assembly holiday differs from the State holiday, Assembly precedent has been followed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve

## 2023 ASSEMBLY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following are proposed holidays to be observed by the Assembly in 2023:

Monday, January 16 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday, February 20 - PRESIDENTS' DAY

Friday, March 31 - CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

Monday, May 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Monday, September 4 - LABOR DAY

Friday, November 10 - VETERANS DAY

Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24 - THANKSGIVING

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 - WINTER HOLIDAY

Monday, January 1, 2024 and Tuesday, January 2, 2024 – NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

In addition, the Rules Committee has authorized Assembly employees to take two personal holidays at any time during the year with the approval of the Assemblymember or supervisor. A personal holiday may be used on the following state holidays:

- Sunday, January 22 - Lunar New Year
- Monday, April 24 - Genocide Remembrance Day
- Monday, June 19 - Juneteenth
- Friday, September 22 - Native American Day

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
MEMBER BASE ALLOWANCE INCREASE**

**ISSUE:**

Should the Member Base Allowance be increased from \$310,000 to \$340,000 effective December 1, 2022?

**BACKGROUND:**

In December 2017, the Member Base Allowance was set at \$310,000. Since December 2017, the Consumer Price Index has increased by 20.7%. Additionally, since 2017, certain costs such as postage, supplies, and travel have also increased considerably.

The increase from \$310,000 to \$340,000 represents an increase of 9.7%.

The budget of the Assembly must meet the requirements of Proposition 140. Funds are available within the limits of Proposition 140 to accommodate the proposed Member Base Allowance increase.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve



**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
180-DAY WAIT PERIOD EXCEPTION FOR RETIRED ANNUITANT**

**ISSUE:**

Should the Assembly Rules Committee request a 180-Day Wait Period Exception from CalPERS to authorize the hire of a retired annuitant?

**BACKGROUND:**

Carlos Alcala has acted as the exclusive speechwriter for Speaker Anthony Rendon for the past six years. As such, Carlos has a well-developed sense of the Speaker's syntax and rhetorical preferences. This unique relationship took several months to develop and is reliant on intimate knowledge of the Speaker's biography and personal details. With the passage of HR 1, Speaker Rendon will transition to Speaker Emeritus on July 1, 2023. Given the length of time it takes for a new speech writer to develop the type of relationship honed over the past several years, it is requested that Carlos Alcala be allowed to remain in the position as a retired annuitant until the transition to a new Speaker is completed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve

**RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, in compliance with Government (Gov.) Code section 7522.56 of the Public Employees' Retirement Law, the California State Assembly must provide CalPERS this certification resolution when hiring a retiree before 180 days has passed since their retirement date; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Alcala, retired from California State Assembly in the position of Senior Consultant, effective December 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Code section 7522.56 requires that post-retirement employment commence no earlier than 180 days after the retirement date, which is June 30, 2023 without this certification resolution; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Code section 7522.56 provides that this exception to the 180-day wait period shall not apply if the retiree accepts any retirement-related incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Rules Committee, the California State Assembly and Carlos Alcala certify that Carlos Alcala has not and will not receive a Golden Handshake or any other retirement-related incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Rules Committee hereby appoints Carlos Alcala as a temporary assignment retired annuitant to perform the duties of a Senior Consultant for the California State Assembly under Gov. Code section 21224 effective January 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the entire employment agreement letter between Carlos Alcala and the California State Assembly has been reviewed by this body and is attached herein; and

WHEREAS, no matters, issues, terms or conditions related to this employment and appointment have been or will be placed on a consent calendar; and

WHEREAS, the employment shall be limited to 960 hours per fiscal year for all CalPERS employers; and

WHEREAS, the compensation paid to retirees cannot be less than the minimum nor exceed the maximum monthly base salary paid to other employees performing comparable duties, divided by 151.667 (instead of 173.333 because the California State Assembly work week is 35 hours) to equal the hourly rate; and

WHEREAS, the maximum base salary for this position is \$13,632 monthly and the hourly equivalent is \$89.88 and the minimum base salary for this position is \$5,878 monthly and the hourly equivalent is \$38.76; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate paid to Carlos Alcala will be \$57.69 hourly; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Alcala has not and will not receive any other benefit, incentive, compensation in lieu of benefit or other form of compensation in addition to this hourly pay rate; and

**Assembly Rules Committee  
January 17, 2023**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the California State Assembly hereby certifies the nature of the appointment of Carlos Alcala, as described herein, and that this appointment is necessary to fill the critically needed position of Senior Consultant for the California State Assembly by January 25, 2023 *because* Carlos Alcala is the exclusive speechwriter for Speaker Anthony Rendon and this unique relationship took several months to develop and is reliant on intimate knowledge of the Speaker's biography and personal details.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SELECTION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RULES CHAIR  
FOR THE 2023-24 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**ISSUE:**

Selection of James Ramos as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Rules for the 2023-24 Legislative Session.

**BACKGROUND:**

Joint Rule 40 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly enumerates the duties and powers of the Joint Committee on Rules. One of the duties is to select a chairperson from its membership. The vice-chairperson of the committee shall be one of the Senate members of the committee, to be selected by the Senate Committee on Rules. The Chair of the Joint Committee on Rules has traditionally been the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Rules. Assemblymember James Ramos is the Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee. He was appointed by Speaker Rendon on December 16, 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Confirm Assemblymember James Ramos as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Rules for the 2023-24 Legislative Session.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
APPOINTMENT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RULES  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
FOR THE 2023-24 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**ISSUE:**

Appointment of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Joint Committee on Rules for the 2023-24 Legislative Session.

**BACKGROUND:**

Joint Rule 40 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly enumerates the duties and powers of the Joint Committee on Rules. One of the duties is to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer of the committee, who shall have such duties relating to the administrative, fiscal, and business affairs of the committee as the committee shall prescribe. Traditionally this position has been held by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Assembly.

Lia Lopez has worked for the California State Assembly since 1997. Previously, Lia served as the Deputy Administrative Officer, worked in the Chief Clerk's Office as the Director of Floor Analysis, was Bill Referral Consultant to the Assembly Rules Committee, and staff in a San Diego Member's office.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve