Assembly
California Legislature
Committee on Rules

KEN COOLEY
CHAIR

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State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

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To: Rules Committee Members

From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant

Date: 6/9/2017

Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 97

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Cooper)
(Coauthor: Senator Bradford)

May 26, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to the 2017 International Day of Yoga.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 97, as amended, Kalra. The 2017 International Day of Yoga. This measure would recognize, recognize June 21, 2017, as the 2017 International Day of Yoga in California. Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, For many years, yoga teachers and students desired a collective global celebration of the over 5,000-year-old physical, mental, and spiritual practice of yoga, including yoga teacher Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, who explained, “Yoga is a lifestyle and should not be mistaken for only asanas.” “Yoga helps a human being to unfold his full potential. Yoga improves the quality of life, which is so much needed today. Yoga can wipe the tears and bring smiles on every face. It can bring celebration and skill in everyone’s life”; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 21 the International Day of Yoga. During his address to the General Assembly in support of declaring the global celebration, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi observed,
“Yoga is an invaluable gift of India’s ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and the nature”; and

WHEREAS, The word “yoga” is derived from the Sanskrit word “yuj,” which means “to unite or integrate,” and one objective of a yoga practice is to harmonize the body, spirit, and mind through various breathing exercises, yoga poses, also called asanas, and meditation; and

WHEREAS, California is home to many yoga teachers, students, studios, and classes that have collectively contributed to the significant growth of yoga throughout the United States. A 2016 study conducted by yoga trade leaders estimated there are 36.7 million people currently practicing yoga in the United States, an increase from 20.4 million in 2012; and

WHEREAS, While yoga originated from Hindu and Vedic traditions, yoga is currently practiced by people of different cultures, traditions, religions, and nationalities, demonstrating that all people have the shared goal to uplift the human experience; and

WHEREAS, Yoga brings strength, stability, and unity within the body, mind, and emotions. Yoga, however, can be more than a type of mental or physical exercise. Yoga may be used as a means to discover a sense of oneness and connection within oneself, other people, the world, nature, and the universe. A regular practice of yoga may help promote a healthy body, a violence-free society, a clear mind, an open intellect, peacefulness with past experiences, a joyful soul, and a strong breath; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes June 21, 2017, as the 2017 International Day of Yoga in California and an opportunity to better understand the benefits of yoga as a path to uplift the human experience; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: June 12, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 97 (Kalra) – As Amended June 8, 2017

SUBJECT: The 2017 International Day of Yoga

SUMMARY: Recognizes June 21, 2017, as the 2017 International Day of Yoga in California. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) For many years, yoga teachers and students desired a collective global celebration of the over 5,000-year-old physical, mental, and spiritual practice of yoga.

2) In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 21 the International Day of Yoga. During his address to the General Assembly in support of declaring the global celebration, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi observed, “Yoga is an invaluable gift of India’s ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and the nature."

3) The word “yoga” is derived from the Sanskrit word “yuj,” which means “to unite or integrate,” and one objective of a yoga practice is to harmonize the body, spirit, and mind through various breathing exercises, yoga poses, also called asanas, and meditation.

4) California is home to many yoga teachers, students, studios, and classes that have collectively contributed to the significant growth of yoga throughout the United States. A 2016 study conducted by yoga trade leaders estimated there are 36.7 million people currently practicing yoga in the United States, an increase from 20.4 million in 2012.

5) While yoga originated from Hindu and Vedic traditions, yoga is currently practiced by people of different cultures, traditions, religions, and nationalities, demonstrating that all people have the shared goal to uplift the human experience.

6) Yoga brings strength, stability, and unity within the body, mind, and emotions. A regular practice of yoga may help promote a healthy body, a violence-free society, a clear mind, an open intellect, peacefulness with past experiences, a joyful soul, and a strong breath.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
Art of Living Foundation (AOLF)
Hindu American Foundation (HAF)

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
June 7, 2017

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

RE: ACR 97 (Kalra) -- Support -- The 2017 International Day of Yoga

Dear Assembly member Cooley,

I write on behalf of Art of Living Foundation (AOLF), a US based non-profit, to express our strong support for ACR 97. Operating in 152 countries, The Art of Living Foundation (AOLF) is a non-profit, educational and humanitarian organization founded in 1981 by the world-renowned philanthropist and spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

AOLF offers numerous highly effective educational and self-development programs and tools that facilitate the elimination of stress and foster deep and profound inner peace, happiness and well-being for all individuals. These programs, which include breathing techniques, meditation, yoga, and practical wisdom for daily living, have helped millions around the world to completely transform their lives.

The International Day of Yoga was officially adopted in December 2014 after years of effort by global Yoga leaders including Sri Sri Ravishankar. Given that ACR 97 will recognize June 21, 2017 as the 2017 International Day of Yoga in California and raise awareness about the important benefits of Yoga, we are delighted to support this important endeavor.

The goal of the Art of Living Foundation is to provide people from all layers of society with practical and effective tools, derived from the ancient yogic science of breath, to alleviate stress, improve health and increase wellness. ACR 97 will bring a renewed focus in recognizing yoga as an important tool in the life of Californians.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions by phone at (925) 212-9215 or by email at Jasbir.singh@artofliving.org.

Sincerely:

Jasbir Singh
Treasurer
Art of Living Foundation
June 6, 2017

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

RE: ACR 97 (Kalra) -- Support -- The 2017 International Day of Yoga

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

I write on behalf of the Hindu American Foundation (HAF), a national nonprofit advocacy organization for the Hindu American community, to express our strong support for ACR 97.

ACR 97 would recognize June 21, 2017 as the 2017 International Day of Yoga in California and would raise awareness about the important benefits of Yoga for Californians of all backgrounds, cultures, traditions, religions, and nationalities.

Californians have contributed significantly to the growing popularity of Yoga throughout the US. Yoga provides an opportunity to discover a sense of oneness and connection with oneself, others, the surrounding world, nature, and the universe. It also provides a means to pursuing a holistic approach to health and well-being, peace, nonviolence, and harmony.

ACR 97 further fosters an environment of inclusiveness and pluralism by officially acknowledging and honoring the fact that Yoga is India’s gift to the world and rooted in Hindu traditions. This will help increase inter-religious and cultural understanding about California’s large Hindu American population.

Therefore, we strongly support ACR 97. Please feel free to contact me with any questions by phone at 408.464.8715 or by email at samir@hafsite.org.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Samir Kalra, Esq.
Senior Director
Hindu American Foundation

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 98

Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra

May 31, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 98, as introduced, Kalra. Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month.
This measure would proclaim and acknowledge the month of June 2017 as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month.
Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Elder and vulnerable adult abuse is a serious crisis in California; and
WHEREAS, Cases of abuse or exploitation of elder or vulnerable adults are reported with concerning frequency; and
WHEREAS, Throughout the United States, 10,000 people a day are turning 65 years of age; and
WHEREAS, One in 10 Americans 60 years of age and older experience abuse each year; and
WHEREAS, One in every eight individuals over 65 years of age is living with Alzheimer’s disease and nearly one in two people with dementia experiences some form of abuse by others; and
WHEREAS, Elder and vulnerable adults may be affected by a constellation of physical, mental, pharmaceutical, or medical influences, any one of which could render them unable to protect
themselves or self-advocate, to report to authorities when abuse occurs, or to testify against perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, A 2009 National Institute of Justice study found that 11 percent of elders reported experiencing at least one form of mistreatment, including emotional, physical, sexual, or neglect, in the past year; and

WHEREAS, Elder and vulnerable adult abuse may be physical, emotional, sexual, or fiduciary and consists of conduct that makes the elderly vulnerable and recognizes no boundaries of economic, educational, or social status, gender, race, culture, religion, or geographic location; and

WHEREAS, Indicators that abuse may be occurring include bruises or pressure marks, unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a change in alertness, unusual depression, sudden changes in financial situations, strained or tense relationships, or frequent arguments; and

WHEREAS, Being trained to recognize these signs is the first step toward the prevention of elder and vulnerable adult abuse; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse results in utilization of the public safety net; and

WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adult victims have a mortality rate three times that of the general public and are 300 percent more likely to die a premature death; and

WHEREAS, Current estimates suggest that as few as one in 14 cases of elder and vulnerable adult abuse is reported, including fewer than one in 25 incidents of financial abuse, because the victims are ashamed, hopeless, intimidated, or afraid of the perpetrator; and

WHEREAS, To date, the State of California does not collect or maintain comprehensive data on abuse cases, reports, or investigations, thus inhibiting the government’s capacity to be informed, make informed decisions about the strategic use of existing resources, improve the existing reporting system, enhance protections, and provide partners the tools necessary to secure justice; and

WHEREAS, Elders and vulnerable adults have the right to live safely in the least restrictive environment, whether in their homes or health care facilities, and to enjoy an optimum quality of life while being protected from injustice; and
WHEREAS, Private citizens and public agencies must work to combat crime and violence against elders and vulnerable adults;
and
WHEREAS, Due to the prevalence of elder abuse, June 15 is recognized internationally as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, first established in 2006, to raise awareness of elder and vulnerable adult abuse and to promote better understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic issues behind the growing incidence of elder and vulnerable adult abuse around the globe;
and
WHEREAS, All Californians are strongly encouraged to report suspected abuse of an elder or vulnerable adult by calling their local adult protective services agency, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, law enforcement, or emergency services agencies;
now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims and acknowledges the month of June 2017 as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month; and be it further
Resolved, That California’s recognition of elder and vulnerable adult abuse in June is consistent with the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day of June 15; and be it further
Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: June 12, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 98 (Kalra) – As Introduced May 31, 2017

SUBJECT: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of June 2017 as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) Elder and vulnerable adult abuse is a serious crisis in California and cases of abuse or exploitation of elder or vulnerable adults are reported with concerning frequency.

2) One in 10 Americans 60 years of age and older experience abuse each year. One in every eight individuals over 65 years of age is living with Alzheimer’s disease and nearly one in two people with dementia experiences some form of abuse by others.

3) Elder and vulnerable adults may be affected by a constellation of physical, mental, pharmaceutical, or medical influences, any one of which could render them unable to protect themselves or self-advocate, to report to authorities when abuse occurs, or to testify against perpetrators.

4) Elder and vulnerable adult abuse may be physical, emotional, sexual, or fiduciary and consists of conduct that makes the elderly vulnerable and recognizes no boundaries of economic, educational, or social status, gender, race, culture, religion, or geographic location.

5) Current estimates suggest that as few as one in 14 cases of elder and vulnerable adult abuse is reported, including fewer than one in 25 incidents of financial abuse, because the victims are ashamed, hopeless, intimidated, or afraid of the perpetrator.

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FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strives to promote the principles of equality and justice and the inalienable rights of all people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, California’s and America’s diversity is one of our greatest strengths; and

WHEREAS, To achieve a more just and fair society, we must teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the common good in all of us; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, More lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in business and government, and serving as role models for all; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people have made important and lasting contributions to our great state and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics,
education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts, and
culture, that enrich our national life; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, for the first time in the history of the
United States, a sitting President, former President Barack Obama,
affirmed support for the fundamental right to marry, regardless of
sexual orientation or gender; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States struck
down a provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA),
which barred the federal government from recognizing same-sex
marriages, affirming that all loving and committed couples who
are married deserve equal treatment and respect; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States ruled that
Proposition 8 sponsors had no standing to appeal the federal trial
court’s decision that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional, thereby
restoring marriage equality in California; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has found
a constitutional basis for marriage equality, granting millions of
lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals across the
country the ability to marry people whom they love; and

WHEREAS, Married same-sex couples now enjoy the same
rights and privileges granted to other married couples, including
joint tax filings, military benefits, family and medical leave, and
the ability to sponsor a foreign spouse; and

WHEREAS, The transgender community in particular, has
gained newfound prominence in the media, entertainment, sports,
and business, raising awareness about gender identity and the
obstacles this community continues to face; and

WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have progressed
in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect
for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice
and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
people and their families encounter, and to this end, we continue
working for the passage of the inclusive federal Employment
Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), comprehensive immigration
reform, and increased awareness of the difficulties facing the
transgender community; and

WHEREAS, Friends and allies of the LGBT community have
shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of
lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad; and

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WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people; and
WHEREAS, Each year, June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and
WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the notable achievements, and the outstanding services that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state and nation; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly proclaims June 2017 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, urges all residents to join in celebrating the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and encourages the people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families; and be it further
Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: June 12, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 41 (Low) – As Introduced June 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month

SUMMARY: Proclaims June 2017 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month; urges all residents to join in celebrating the culture, accomplishments and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; and encourages the people of California to work to help advance the cause of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression.

2) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people have made important and lasting contributions to our great state and nation in every field of endeavor including business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts and culture that enrich our national life.

3) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, their family and friends, and all those committed to justice and equality celebrate, during the month of June, the rich culture, the notable achievements and outstanding services that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans make to our great state and nation.

4) Friends and allies of the LGBT community have shown considerable support and commitment to the struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people at home and abroad.

5) To build a stronger and better state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

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WHEREAS, International Surfing Day, observed annually in June, was founded by the Surfrider Foundation to unify surfers from around the world to celebrate the sport of surfing and protect our beach and ocean environment; and

WHEREAS, The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world’s oceans, waves, and beaches through a powerful activist network comprised of over 250,000 supporters, activists, and members worldwide; and

WHEREAS, California’s coastline spans 1,100 miles, and its beaches and coastal areas generate $1.15 trillion in economic activity annually; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest ocean economy in the United States, ranking number one for both employment with over 400,000 jobs and gross state product at approximately $43 billion; and

WHEREAS, The United States boasts approximately 3.3 million surfers, who spend between $1.9 and $3.3 billion each year on local surf trips, and the surf industry, almost exclusively based in California, generates over $6 billion in United States annual retail sales; and
WHEREAS, California is home to iconic surf breaks, such as Malibu, Trestles, Mavericks, and Rincon, which are destinations for both domestic and international surfers; and

WHEREAS, Every year, California surf breaks host numerous domestic and international surf events, including the International Surf Festival in the Cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance; and

WHEREAS, Now in its 13th year, International Surfing Day has grown to over 200 separate events in over 30 different countries and continues to unite surfers around the world to celebrate the sport of surfing, while raising awareness and showing appreciation for our coastal environments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly joins with the Surfrider Foundation in recognizing June 17, 2017, as International Surfing Day in California, and commends all those who work diligently to protect our state’s beaches and ocean environments; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
SUBJECT: International Surfing Day

SUMMARY: Recognizes June 17, 2017, as International Surfing Day in California, and commends all those who work diligently to protect our state's beaches and ocean environments. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) International Surfing Day, observed annually in June, was founded by the Surfrider Foundation to unify surfers from around the world to celebrate the sport of surfing and protect our beach and ocean environment.

2) The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world’s oceans, waves, and beaches through a powerful activist network comprised of over 500,000 supporters, activists, and members worldwide.

3) California's coastline spans 1,100 miles, and its beaches and coastal areas generate $1.15 trillion in economic activity annually; and, California has the largest ocean economy in the United States, ranking number one for both employment (400,000 jobs) and gross state product ($41.9 billion).

4) There are approximately 3.3 million surfers in the United States, who spend between $1.9 and $3.3 billion a year on local surf trips. The surf industry, almost exclusively based in California, and generates over $6 billion in United States annual retail sales.

5) Every year, California surf breaks host numerous domestic and international surf contests, including the International Surf Festival in the Cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

6) International Surfing Day has grown to over 200 separate events in over 30 countries and continues to unite surfers around the world to celebrate the sport of surfing, while raising awareness and showing appreciation for our coastal environments.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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