

BILL REFERRALS

Assembly California Legislature Committee on Rules

KEN COOLEY CHAIR

Thursday, March 14, 2019 10 minutes prior to Session State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

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Memo

To:	Rules Committee Members
From:	Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date:	3/13/19
Re:	Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 1457 and AB 1523 has changed. HR 21 has been added to the list of referrals. AB 1516 and AB 1556 have been removed from the list of referrals.

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03/14/2019

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following	lowing bills were referred to committee:
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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2019-20 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 2

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian (Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonta, Chau, Chiu, Gloria, Low, and Ting)

December 3, 2018

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Relative to the Persian New Year.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 2, as introduced, Nazarian. Persian New Year.

This measure would recognize Nowrūz, the Persian New Year celebration.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Nowrūz, meaning the "New Day," is the name of 2 the New Year in the Persian calendar; and

3 WHEREAS, Nowrūz marks the first day of spring and the

4 beginning of the year in the Persian calendar. It is celebrated on

5 the day of the astronomical northward equinox, which usually 6 occurs on March 20 or the following day depending on where it

7 is observed; and

8 WHEREAS, In Persian mythology, King Jamshid is credited

9 with the founding of Nowrūz, while others suggest that it was10 founded by Zoroaster himself, although there is no clear date of

11 its origin. Celebrating the vernal equinox may also have been an

12 old Babylonian tradition known before 2340 B.C.; and

13 WHEREAS, While Nowrūz is celebrated and observed 14 principally in Iran, it has spread to other parts of the world,

1 including parts of Central Asia, the Caucasus, northwestern China,

2 the Crimea, and some groups in the Balkans. In Iran, Nowrūz is

3 an official holiday lasting for 13 days, during which most national

4 functions, including schools, are closed and festivities take place.

5 Also, the Canadian Parliament, by unanimous consent, passed a
6 bill on March 30, 2009, to add Nowrūz to the national calendar of

7 Canada; and

8 WHEREAS, The most important activity in the celebration of 9 Nowrūz is setting the "haft-seen table," which literally means a 10 table of seven items that start with the letter "s." The table often 11 includes items such as sumac (crushed spice of berries), senjed 12 (sweet dry fruit of a lotus tree), serkeh (vinegar), and seeb (apples);

13 and

WHEREAS, Nowrūz invites us to contemplate nature's power
of renewal and rejuvenation, to look more deeply, not just to the
green world outside, but at our human nature as well; and

WHEREAS, For the people celebrating Nowrūz, it is a time to appreciate their rich heritage and to move forward with hope for prosperous new year ahead filled with health, wealth, love, joy, and success; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2000 United States Census, the largest community of Iranian descent in the United States resides in California, concentrated in the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills areas. The number of people of Iranian descent in these areas is greater than the Iranian populations in the next 20 states combined; and

WHEREAS, The Iranian population in California has grown to
over 200,000 residents, according to the 2010 United States Census.
However, Iranian organizations and the Iranian community believe

30 the correct number may be four times that amount; and

WHEREAS, The Small Business Administration conducted a
study in 2008 that found that Iranian immigrants were among the
top 20 immigrant groups with the highest rate of business
ownership, contributing substantially to the national economy; and

WHEREAS, Iranian Americans have founded and served in
 senior leadership positions of many major American companies;
 and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles City Council designated the
intersection of Westwood Boulevard and Wilkins Avenue in West
Los Angeles as "Persian Square." The first Persian business in the

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1 city opened in 1974 on the corner of Westwood Boulevard and

2 Wilkins Avenue. Since then there has been an increase of Persian

3 businesses and residents in the area. Many of the businesses on

4 Westwood Boulevard, between Wilshire Boulevard and Ohio

5 Avenue, are owned and operated by people of Persian cultural

6 identity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature joins the Persian and other

9 communities throughout the state in celebrating March 21, 2019,

10 as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extends best wishes

for a peaceful and prosperous Nowrūz to all Californians; and be

12 it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies

14 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 14, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair ACR 2 (Nazarian) – As Introduced December 3, 2018

SUBJECT: Persian New Year.

SUMMARY: Recognizes Nowrūz, the Persian New Year celebration. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nowrūz, meaning the "New Day," marks the first day of spring and the beginning of the year in the Persian calendar; and, is celebrated on the day of the astronomical northward equinox, which usually occurs on March 20 or the following day depending on where it is observed.
- 2) The Persian New Year is celebrated and observed principally in Iran but has spread to other parts of the world, including parts of Central Asia, the Caucasus, northwestern China, the Crimea, and some groups in the Balkans.
- 3) The Canadian Parliament, by unanimous consent, passed a bill on March 30, 2009, to add Nowrūz to the national calendar of Canada.
- 4) According to the 2010 United States Census the Iranian population in California has grown to over 200,000 residents, with some in the Iranian community believing the number may be four times that amount. The largest community of Iranian descent in the United States resides in the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills areas of California.
- 5) For the people celebrating Nowrūz, it is a time to appreciate their rich heritage and to move forward with hope for a prosperous new year ahead filled with health, wealth, love, joy, and success.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes

March 7, 2019

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Women's Military History Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 48, as introduced, Reyes. Women warriors.

This measure would recognize "Women Warriors" by proclaiming the week of March 18, 2019, to March 22, 2019, inclusive, as Women's Military History Week in California, and encourage Californians to recognize, among other things, the contributions of women and those who identify as women to our military and our freedom, and the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Women have served bravely in every major United
 States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their
 courage and service have gone unrecognized. Our current

4 servicewomen would be unable to serve without the precedence,5 persistence, determination, and unyielding resilience of the

6 incredible strides of women of previous generations; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have
served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and over 1.3 million
women currently serve in the United States Military. Women have
served in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots, field artillery

officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs officers, and

12 even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force; and

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WHEREAS, Cathay Williams was the first and only documented
 African American woman to enlist in the United States Army as

a Buffalo Soldier in 1866 and Carmen Contreras-Bozak was the

4 first Latina to serve in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in
5 1942; and

6 WHEREAS, Over 400 women have been killed in combat since

7 World War I and over 90 women have been identified as prisoners

8 of war since World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, January 24, 2019, marks the sixth anniversary of 10 the lifting of the ban on women in combat; and

11 WHEREAS, This groundbreaking decision overturned a 1994

Pentagon rule that restricted women from all combat-related roles,including artillery, armor, and infantry; and

14 WHEREAS, Former United States Secretary of Defense Ashton

15 Carter directed the full integration of women into all military16 branches in 2015; and

WHEREAS, The full integration of women into all military branches nevertheless continued to impede a woman's ability to serve in combat due to the "Leaders First" policy, which maintained that, in certain cases, enlisted women must wait to enter combat until two or more "women leaders" are assigned to

22 those units; and

WHEREAS, As of February 2018, women comprised 16 percent
of the total military force, but only 2 percent of total leadership
positions; and

WHEREAS, Over the past two decades of conflict, women have served with valor in combat zones, often under fire, but had been prevented from officially holding combat positions under the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule, which barred women from assignment to units below brigade level if the unit's primary mission was direct ground combat; and

32 WHEREAS, As stated by then-Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, "[w]omen have shown great courage and sacrifice on and 33 off the battlefield, contributed in unprecedented ways to the 34 military's mission, and proven their ability to serve in an expanding 35 number of roles." Panetta added, "[R]escinding the [1994 ban on 36 women in combat] is to ensure that the mission is met with the 37 best qualified and most capable people, regardless of gender"; and 38 39 WHEREAS, It is recognized that women have always been 40 capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994

ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving;
 and

WHEREAS, Since the lifting of the ban, 12 women have made history by being the first graduates of the United States Army Ranger School, the Army's premier combat leadership course, and have proven to the world that a woman's ability to serve should never have been doubted and that women can unequivocally meet the standards set for men in combat; and

9 WHEREAS, As a country based on freedom and opportunity, 10 regardless of creed, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and 11 any other factors of identity, we must demonstrate equal 12 opportunity in our Armed Forces, while maintaining the standard 13 of respect for other persons our military has set; and

WHEREAS, Our military exists to serve and protect all people
in the United States, to defend the United States Constitution, and
to fight for our freedom. Expanding combat roles to women adds
to our military excellence; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
 19 thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes

20 "Women Warriors" by proclaiming the week of March 18, 2019,

to March 22, 2019, inclusive, as Women's Military History Week
in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages Californians to recognize the hard fought contributions of women and those who identify as women to our military and our freedom, the courageous sacrifices that women and those who identify as women have made while serving our country with "sheroism," and the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013; and be it further

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

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ACR 48 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 14, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair ACR 48 (Reyes) – As Introduced March 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Women warriors.

SUMMARY: Recognizes "Women Warriors" by proclaiming the week of March 18, 2019, to March 22, 2019, inclusive, as Women's Military History Week in California, and encourages Californians to recognize, among other things, the contributions of women and those who identify as women to our military and our freedom. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- Women have served bravely in every major United States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their courage and service have gone unrecognized. Our current servicewomen would be unable to serve without the precedence, persistence, determination, and unyielding resilience of the incredible strides of women of previous generations.
- 2) Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and over 1.3 million women currently serve in the United States Military. Women have served in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots, field artillery officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs officers, and even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force.
- 3) January 24, 2019, marks the sixth anniversary of the lifting of the ban on women in combat.
- 4) The full integration of women into all military branches nevertheless continued to impede a woman's ability to serve in combat due the "Leaders First" policy, which maintained that, in certain cases, enlisted women must wait to enter combat until two or more "women leaders" are assigned to those units; and, as of February 2018, women comprised 16 percent of the total military force, but only 2 percent of total leadership positions.
- 5) It is recognized that women have always been capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994 ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving; and, since lifting of the ban, 12 women have made history by being the first graduates of the United States Army Ranger School, the Army's premier combat leadership course, and have proven to the world that a woman's ability to serve should never have been doubted and that women can unequivocally meet the standards set for men in combat.
- 6) As a country based on freedom and opportunity, regardless of creed, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and any other factors of identity, we must demonstrate equal opportunity in our Armed Forces, while maintaining the standard of respect for other persons our military has set.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

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Opposition

None on file

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

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 19

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

March 7, 2019

House Resolution No. 19-Relative to National Surveyors Week.

1 WHEREAS, There are over 45,000 professional surveyors in 2 the United States, and 4191 in the State of California; and

3 WHEREAS, Surveying is the art and science of accurately 4 determining the position of points and the distances between them,

5 and is often used to establish land boundaries for ownership or

6 governmental purposes; and

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

13 for land ownership; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Former notable surveyors include George

21 Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Meriwether22 Lewis, William Clark, Daniel Boone, and Henry David Thoreau,

among many others; and

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1 WHEREAS, It was the work of the surveyor that determined

2 the boundaries of land, the greatest economic asset in the colonies

and territories that became the United States, including California;and

5 WHEREAS, The nature of surveying has changed dramatically 6 over time, as it is no longer limited to the description and location 7 of land boundaries; and

8 WHEREAS, Hydrographic surveys are important to the use of 9 all bodies of water; and

10 WHEREAS, Engineering surveys are used in the study and 11 selection of engineering construction; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Many services are now provided through the use

19 of sophisticated surveying equipment and techniques, including

satellite-borne remote sensing devices and automated positioning,measuring, recording, and plotting equipment; and

22 WHEREAS, The establishment of the week of March 17 through

23 March 23, 2019, as National Surveyors Week is a fitting tribute

24 to all surveyors; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the

Assembly recognizes the week of March 17 through March 23,2019, as National Surveyors Week; and be it further

2019, as National Surveyors week, and be it future
 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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HR 19 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 14, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair HR 19 (Cooley) – As Introduced March 7, 2019

SUBJECT: National Surveyors Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of March 17 through March 23, 2019, as National Surveyors Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Surveying is the art and science of accurately determining the position of points and the distances between them, and is often used to establish land boundaries for ownership or governmental purposes.
- 2) There are over 45,000 professional surveyors in the United States, and 4191 in the State of California.
- 3) Surveying has been an essential element in the development of the human environment since the beginning of recorded history and is required in the planning and execution of nearly every form of construction, with its most familiar modern uses in the fields of transportation, building and construction, communications, mapping, and the definition of legal boundaries for land ownership.
- 4) Since the colonial days of the United States, surveyors have been leaders in the community, statesmen, influential citizens, and shapers of cultural standards; and, in order to accomplish their objective, surveyors use elements of engineering, physics, mathematics, law, and history.
- 5) The nature of surveying has changed dramatically over time, as it is no longer limited to the description and location of land boundaries. Hydrographic surveys are important to the use of all bodies of water; engineering surveys are used in the study and selection of engineering construction; geodetic surveys determine precise global positioning for activities such as aircraft and missile navigation; and, cartographic surveys are used for mapping and charting as well as photogrammetry, the science of using aerial photographs for measurement and map production.
- 6) Many services are now provided through the use of sophisticated surveying equipment and techniques, including satellite-borne remote sensing devices and automated positioning, measuring, recording, and plotting equipment.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

HR 19 Page 2

Opposition

None on file

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

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2019-20 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Members Eggman and Mathis (Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Flora, and Gray)

March 11, 2019

House Resolution No. 20—Relative to California Agriculture Day.

1 WHEREAS, March 20, 2019, is designated as California 2 Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture's 3 importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians 4 nourished, and its role in keeping the state's economy ranked as 5 the fifth largest in the world; and 6 WHEREAS, The theme of California Agriculture Day 2019 is 7 "Centennial Celebration: 100 Years of Agriculture Leadership," 8 in recognition of the past 100 years of agricultural innovation and 9 growth that have made California the top agricultural state in the 10 nation; and WHEREAS, California has been the top agricultural state in the 11 12 nation for more than 60 consecutive years, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for approximately 13 14 50 percent of the nation's supply of fruits, vegetables, and nuts; 15 and WHEREAS, The inexhaustible efforts of millions of 16 farmworkers throughout California's history have contributed 17 18 greatly to the success of California's agricultural industry; and 19 WHEREAS, California's agricultural community relies on a

20 vital infrastructure that aids in the exclusion and early detection

21 of plant and animal pests and diseases that impact public health,

22 the environment, and commerce; and

1 WHEREAS, With less than 2 percent of California's population

2 engaged in farming and agriculture, each agricultural worker today

3 provides for more than 100 other people, compared to just 13 in 4 1947: and

5 WHEREAS, Today's agricultural industry offers over 300 6 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm 7 cultivation to food science and engineering; and

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

WHEREAS, California is the nation's leader in agricultural
exports, shipping \$20.56 billion of food and agricultural
commodities around the world in 2017; and

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

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

WHEREAS, California consumers say that it is important to them to purchase food items grown in the state and have demonstrated increasing support for farmers' markets, community-supported agriculture programs, and Farm to School programs; and

WHEREAS, A broad approach to agricultural education is vital
to ensure that California agriculture continues to flourish; and

WHEREAS, California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of agricultural land by 2050, including more than 300,000 acres of

highly productive irrigated cropland, and the state should therefore

32 continue to engage in conservation efforts to preserve California's33 agricultural heritage; and

34 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize 35 our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in 36 providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world; now, 37 therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the
 Assembly recognizes and honors all those who work in California

40 agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing

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- Thursday March 14, 2019, as National Agriculture Day and designating Wednesday, March 20, 2019, as California Agriculture Day; and be it further 2
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- *Resolved*, That Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of
 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

HR 20 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 14, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair HR 20 (Eggman) – As Introduced March 11, 2019

SUBJECT: California Agriculture Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by observing March 14, 2019, as National Agriculture Day, and designating March 20, 2019, as California Agriculture Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- March 20, 2019, is designated as California Agriculture Day, a day of celebration to commemorate agriculture's importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians nourished, and its role in keeping the state's economy ranked as the fifth largest in the world.
- 2) The 2019 theme of California Agriculture Day is "Centennial Celebration: 100 Years of Agriculture Leadership," in recognition of the past 100 years of agricultural innovation and growth that have made California the top agricultural state in the nation.
- 3) For more than 60 years, California has been the top agricultural state in the nation, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for approximately 50 percent of the nation's supply of fruits, vegetables, and nuts.
- 4) Today's agricultural industry offers over 300 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering.
- 5) California is the nation's leader in agricultural exports, shipping \$20.56 billion of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2017.
- 6) Public-private partnerships are continually being developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices on the farm, in transit, and during processing.
- 7) California consumers say that it is important to them to purchase foods items grown in California and California consumers have increased support of certified farmers' markets, community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm-to-School programs.
- 8) California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of agricultural land by 2050, more than 300,000 acres of highly productive irrigated cropland. California should continue to engage in conservation efforts to preserve California's agricultural heritage.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

HR 20 Page 2

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Jackson

February 14, 2019

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to International Women's Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 13, as introduced, Jackson. International Women's Day. This measure designates March 8, 2019, as International Women's Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, International Women's Day first emerged from

2 the activities of labor movements at the turn of the 20th century3 in North America and across Europe; and

4 WHEREAS, The first National Woman's Day was observed in

5 the United States in 1909 in honor of the 1908 garment workers' 6 strike in New York, where women protested against working

6 strike in New York, where women protested against working7 conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, International Women's Day was marked for the

9 first time in 1911 by Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland,

10 where more than one million women and men attended rallies

11 demanding the rights for women to vote and to hold public office,

12 women's rights to work, to vocational training, and to an end to

13 discrimination on the job; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1913–14, International Women's Day also

15 became a mechanism for protesting World War I. As part of the 16 peace movement, Russian women observed their first International

peace movement, Russian women observed their first InternationalWomen's Day on the last Sunday in February, and elsewhere in

18 Europe, on or around March 8 of the following year, women held

1 rallies either to protest the war or to express solidarity with other 2 activists; and

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3 WHEREAS, In 1917, against the backdrop of the war, women

4 in Russia again chose to protest and strike for "Bread and Peace"
5 on the last Sunday in February, which fell on March 8 on the
6 Gregorian calendar. Four days later, the Czar abdicated and the

7 provisional government granted women the right to vote; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1975, during International Women's Year, the 9 United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on 10 March 8: and

WHEREAS, In 1979, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the international treaty, described as an international bill of rights for women, was instituted

on September 3, 1981, and has been ratified by 189 states; and
WHEREAS, International Women's Day has assumed a new
global dimension for women in developed and developing countries

18 alike. The growing international women's movement has helped 19 make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for

women's rights and participation in the political and economic

21 arenas; and

22 WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a time to reflect on

progress made, to call for change, and to celebrate acts of courage
and determination by ordinary women who have played an
extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities;

26 and

WHEREAS, The United Nations has designated the theme for
the 2019 International Women's Day as "Think Equal, Build Smart,
Innovate for Change." The theme will focus on innovative ways
to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women,
particularly in the areas of social protection systems, access to
public services, and sustainable infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The achievement of the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals requires transformational shifts, integrated approaches, and new solutions, particularly when it comes to advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. Based on current trajectories, existing interventions will not suffice to achieve the United Nations' goal of Planet 50-50, a fully gender-integrated planet, by 2030. Innovative approaches that

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1 disrupt "business and usual" are central to removing structural 2 barriers and ensuring that no woman and no girl is left behind; and 3 WHEREAS, Innovation and technology provide unprecedented opportunities, yet trends indicate a growing gender digital divide, 4 and women are underrepresented in the fields of science, 5 6 technology, engineering, mathematics, and design. This prevents 7 women from developing and influencing gender-responsive 8 innovations to achieve transformative gains for society. From 9 mobile banking to artificial intelligence and the Internet, it is vital 10 that women's ideas and experiences equally influence the design and implementation of the innovations that will shape our future 11 12 societies; and 13 WHEREAS, International Women's Day stands as a reminder 14 of the long history of women's social activism and organizing; 15 fighting for equal wages, better working conditions, and the right to vote and that while women make up more than one-half of our 16 population, they are disproportionately represented in our state; 17 18 too few in leadership positions and too many who live in poverty; 19 now, therefore, be it 20 Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly

thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates March 8, 2019,

as International Women's Day; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of 24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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SCR 13 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 14, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair SCR 13 (Jackson) – As Introduced February 14, 2019

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: International Women's Day.

SUMMARY: Designates March 8, 2019, as International Women's Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- The first National Woman's Day was observed in the United States in 1909 in honor of the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against working conditions.
- 2) International Women's Day was marked for the first time in 1911 by Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland, where more than one million women and men attended rallies demanding the rights for women to vote and to hold public office, women's rights to work, to vocational training, and to an end to discrimination on the job.
- 3) In 1913-14, International Women's Day also became a mechanism for protesting World War I. As part of the peace movement, Russian women observed their first International Women's Day on the last Sunday in February, and elsewhere in Europe, on or around March 8 of the following year, women held rallies either to protest the war or to express solidarity with other activists.
- 4) In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on March 8 and this day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arenas.
- 5) The United Nations has designated the theme for the 2019 International Women's Day as "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change." The theme will focus on innovative ways to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, particularly in the areas of social protection systems, access to public services, and sustainable infrastructure.
- 6) The achievement of the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals requires transformational shifts, integrated approaches, and new solutions, particularly when it comes to advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. Based on current trajectories, existing interventions will not suffice to achieve the United Nations' goal of Planet 50-50, a fully gender-integrated planet, by 2030. Innovative approaches that disrupt "business and usual" are central to removing structural barriers and ensuring that no woman and no girl is left behind.
- 7) International Women's Day stands as a reminder of the long history of women's social activism and organizing; fighting for equal wages, better working conditions, and the right to

vote and that while women make up more than one-half of our population, they are disproportionately represented in our state; too few in leadership positions and too many who live in poverty.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Pan

February 19, 2019

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16—Relative to a Day of Remembrance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 16, as introduced, Pan. Day of Remembrance.

This measure would declare February 19, 2019, as a Day of Remembrance in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the incarceration of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On February 19, 1942, President Franklin Delano

2 Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 (EO9066), under which

3 more than 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated

4 in 10 concentration camps scattered throughout western states

5 during World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, EO9066 deferred the American dream for more

7 than 120,000 Americans and residents of Japanese ancestry by

8 inflicting a great human cost of abandoned homes, businesses,

9 farms, careers, professional advancements, disruption to family

10 life, and public humiliation; and

11 WHEREAS, Despite their families being incarcerated behind

12 barbed wire in the United States, approximately 33,000 veterans

13 of Japanese ancestry fought bravely for our country during World

14 War II, serving in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd

15 Regimental Combat Team, the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion,

16 and the Military Intelligence Service; and

1 WHEREAS, On June 21, 2000, President William Jefferson

2 Clinton designated 20 Japanese Americans, who served in the

3 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team

to receive the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of 4

Honor, bringing the total number of Japanese Americans who so 5

6 received the Medal of Honor to 21; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, President Barack Obama granted the 7

8 Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry 9 Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team in recognition of

10 their dedicated service during World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, Nearly 6,000 veterans of Japanese ancestry served

12 with the Military Intelligence Service and have been credited for

shortening the war by two years by translating enemy battle plans, 13

14 defense maps, tactical orders, intercepted messages and diaries, and interrogating enemy prisoners; and 15

16 WHEREAS, Many Japanese American veterans continued a life of public service after the war, including Medal of Honor 17 18 recipient and United States Senator Daniel Inouye, who passed away in December 2012 while representing his home state of 19

Hawaii: and 20

21 WHEREAS, On February 19, 1976, President Gerald Rudolph

22 Ford rescinded EO9066 and proclaimed, "We now know what we

23 should have known then-not only was that evacuation wrong,

24 but Japanese-Americans were and are loyal Americans"; and 25 WHEREAS, Nearly 40 years after the United States Supreme

Court decisions upholding the convictions of Fred Korematsu, 26

27 Min Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi for violations of curfew and

EO9066, it was discovered that officials from the United States 28

29 Department of War and the United States Department of Justice 30 had altered, destroyed, and withheld information that testified to

31 the loyalty of the people of Japanese ancestry from the United

32 States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2011, Acting Solicitor General Neal 33

Katyal said World War II Solicitor General Charles Fahy, who 34

35 represented the United States Department of Justice in the

Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi cases, "acted dishonorably" 36 37

by withholding relevant information; and

WHEREAS, Dale Minami, Peggy Nagae, Kathryn Bannai, 38 39 Dennis Hayashi, Rod Kawakami, and many attorneys and interns

40 contributed innumerable hours to win a reversal of the original

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1 convictions of Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi in 1983 by

2 filing a petition for writ of error coram nobis on the grounds that

3 fundamental errors and injustice occurred; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, the United States Congress created the 4 5 Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians 6 to examine the actions and impact of EO9066. The commission held 20 days of public hearings, conducted 18 months of thorough 7 8 investigation, and published its findings in 1983, which concluded 9 that EO9066 was not justified by "military necessity" but was due 10 to racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a failure of political leadership; and 11

WHEREAS, On August 10, 1988, President Ronald Wilson
Reagan signed into law the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988,
finding that EO9066 was not justified by military necessity and,
instead, was caused by racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a

16 failure of political leadership; and

17 WHEREAS, The federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988 apologized

18 on behalf of the people of the United States for the evacuation,19 incarceration, and relocation of Americans and permanent residents

incarceration, and relocation of Americans and permanent residentsof Japanese ancestry during World War II. The act also provided

for restitution to those individuals of Japanese ancestry who were

22 incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, Given recent national events, it is all the more
important to learn from the mistakes of the past and to ensure that
such an assault on freedom will never again happen to any
community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, February 19, 2019, marks 77 years since the signing
of EO9066 and a policy of grave injustice against American
citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*

31 *thereof concurring*. That the Legislature declares February 19,

32 2019, as a Day of Remembrance in this state to increase public

33 awareness of the events surrounding the incarceration of Americans

34 of Japanese ancestry during World War II; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of

36 this resolution to the Governor, the Superintendent of Public

37 Instruction, the California State Library, and the California State

38 Archives.

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SCR 16 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 14, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair SCR 16 (Pan) – As Introduced February 19, 2019

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Day of Remembrance.

SUMMARY: Declares February 19, 2019, as a Day of Remembrance in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the incarceration of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 (EO9066), under which more than 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in 10 concentration camps scattered throughout western states during World War II, inflicting a great human cost of abandoned homes, businesses, farms, careers, professional advancements, disruption to family life, and public humiliation.
- 2) Despite their families being incarcerated behind barbed wire in the United States, approximately 33,000 veterans of Japanese ancestry fought bravely for our country during World War II, serving in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service.
- 3) On August 10, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which found that EO9066 was not justified by military necessity but rather caused by racial prejudice and wartime hysteria; and, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 apologized on behalf of the people of the United States for the evacuation, incarceration, and relocation of Americans and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry during World War II.
- 4) On June 21, 2000, President William Jefferson Clinton designated 20 Japanese Americans, who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team to receive the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, bringing the total number of Japanese Americans who so received the Medal of Honor to 21.
- 5) In 2010, President Barack Obama granted the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.
- 6) February 19, 2019, marks 77 years since the signing of EO9066 and a policy of grave injustice against American citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

SCR 16 Page 2

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Galgiani (Coauthors: Senators Bates, Chang, Grove, Hurtado, and Jackson)

February 20, 2019

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to Women in Construction Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 19, as introduced, Galgiani. Women in Construction Week. This measure would proclaim the week of March 3, 2019, to March 9, 2019, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1987, Congress declared March as national
- 2 Women's History Month in perpetuity, and since then, the industry
- 3 has celebrated women in construction during the first week of 4 March; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The focus of Women in Construction Week is to 6 highlight women as a visible component of the construction 7 industry; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The continuous progress of our economy requires
- 9 full participation and support of all citizens, regardless of gender,10 race, or ethnic background; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The workforce in California is becoming 12 increasingly diversified and for this state's construction industry
- 13 to remain competitive in the global economy, it must also diversify 14 its workforce by attracting significantly more women into the
- 14 its workforce by attracting significantly more women into 15 industry; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Women currently occupy only 10% of all 17 apprenticeships and less than 3% of construction trade jobs

1 nationally. As a state, we should support policy efforts to achieve

2 at least 20% by 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, The construction industry in California has 4 tremendous need for skilled and motivated workers, managers, 5 and entrepreneurs from all segments of the population; and

6 WHEREAS, The construction industry must strive to educate

7 and inspire parents, educators, and career counselors to encourage

8 California's youth to enter into rewarding career opportunities in9 construction; and

10 WHEREAS, Rising costs of higher education and evolving 11 employer workforce training needs make apprenticeship an 12 increasingly important career pathway without the burden of 13 student loans; and

WHEREAS, Women face many barriers to entering and staying
in the construction field and have historically been excluded from
apprenticeship opportunities that lead to meaningful careers with
family supporting wages; and

18 WHEREAS, Apprenticeships are a critical pathway for women 19 to participate fully and equally in California's growing economy; 20 and

WHEREAS, The development of women-owned business
enterprises will benefit all members of the workforce through the
creation of meaningful and productive jobs; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that gender diversity is associated with increased performance, innovation, and opportunity. Having more women entrepreneurs, small business owners operating in the construction industry will only benefit the working conditions for women across all industries; and

WHEREAS, Women represent an untapped resource, and activities to improve women's recruitment and retention in skilled construction jobs is critically important in helping to close the workforce skills gap, build the middle class, and help meet the needs of the 21st century; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims March 3, 2019,

to March 9, 2019, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week and

37 requests that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on the

38 people of the great State of California to observe the week with

39 appropriate programs and education activities; and be it further

- *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution. 1
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Date of Hearing: March 14, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Ken Cooley, Chair SCR 19 (Galgiani) – As Introduced February 20, 2019

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Women in Construction Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of March 3, 2019, to March 9, 2019, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity and the industry has celebrated women in construction during the first week of March to highlight women as a visible component of the construction industry.
- 2) The workforce in California is becoming increasingly diversified and for this state's construction industry to remain competitive in the global economy, it must also diversify its workforce by attracting significantly more women into the industry.
- 3) Women currently occupy only 10% of all apprenticeships and less than 3% of construction trade jobs nationally. As a state we should support policy efforts to achieve at least 20% by 2020.
- 4) The construction industry in California has tremendous need for skilled and motivated workers, managers, and entrepreneurs from all segments of the population.
- 5) The construction industry must strive to educate and inspire parents, educators, and career counselors to encourage California's youth to enter into rewarding career opportunities in construction.
- 6) Apprenticeships are a critical pathway for women to participate fully and equally in California's growing economy.
- 7) Women represent an untapped resource, and activities to improve women's recruitment and retention in skilled construction jobs is critically important in helping to close the workforce skills gap, build the middle class, and help meet the needs of the 21st century.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange

Opposition

None on file

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



March 11, 2019

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

Re: SUPPORT – SCR 19 (Galgiani) – Women In Construction

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

On behalf of the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange, representing nearly 1,200 construction member companies, we are pleased to sponsor and express our strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 19, which seeks to recognize women's invaluable contributions to California's construction industry and encourage lawmakers to support policies that educate, inspire and advance women who are building careers in construction.

As you know, women face severe underrepresentation in construction, engineering and manufacturing, with just an 8.9 percent share of the total U.S. construction industry alone. Only 1.3 percent of operating engineers and construction equipment operators are women, making these occupations the tenth most male-dominated in the country.

Like many industries who are struggling to close the skilled labor gap, the construction industry has been especially hit hard by the last economic downturn when tens of thousands of construction workers left the state or industry. Today, for every five (5) construction workers who are preparing for retirement, there is only one (1) to in the pipeline to replace them. SCR 19 recognizes women as an untapped resource to help close this skilled labor gap so that California can continue to keep pace with infrastructural needs.

Simply put, SCR 19 helps to better position California to increase women's participation in high-wage, high-skill nontraditional fields, such as construction, is vital to economic prosperity and security.

For these reasons, we write in support of SCR 19 and will encourage your legislative colleagues to support this measure on the Assembly Floor.

Sincerely,

Damon Conklin Director of Government Affairs Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2019-20 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry

January 17, 2019

An act to add Sections 110611 and 111691 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to hemp.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 228, as introduced, Aguiar-Curry. Food, beverage, and cosmetic adulterants: industrial hemp products.

Existing state law, the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law, prohibits the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offer for sale of adulterated foods, beverages, or cosmetics. Existing law prescribes when a food or beverage is adulterated, including if it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance that may render it injurious to the health of a person or other animal that may consume it. Existing law prescribes when a cosmetic is adulterated, including when it bears or contains a poisonous or deleterious substance that may render it injurious to users under the conditions of use prescribed in the labeling or advertisement of the cosmetic, under customary or usual conditions.

This bill would state that a food, beverage, or cosmetic is not adulterated by the inclusion of industrial hemp products, including cannabidiol derived from industrial hemp, and would prohibit restrictions on the sale of food, beverages, or cosmetics that include industrial hemp products or cannabidiol derived from industrial hemp based solely on the inclusion of industrial hemp products or cannabidiol derived from industrial hemp.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 110611 is added to the Health and Safety 2 Code, to read:

3 110611. A food or beverage is not adulterated by the inclusion

4 of industrial hemp products, including cannabidiol derived from

5 industrial hemp. The sale of food or beverages that include 6 industrial hemp products or cannabidiol derived from industrial

7 hemp shall not be restricted or prohibited based solely on the

inclusion of industrial hemp products or cannabidiol derived from
industrial hemp.

9 industrial hemp.

SEC. 2. Section 111691 is added to the Health and Safety Code,to read:

12 111691. A cosmetic is not adulterated because of the fact that

13 it includes industrial hemp products, including cannabidiol derived

14 from industrial hemp. The sale of cosmetics that include industrial

15 hemp products or cannabidiol derived from industrial hemp shall

16 not be restricted or prohibited based solely on the inclusion of

17 industrial hemp products or cannabidiol derived from industrial

18 hemp.

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

RE: AB 228 (Aguiar-Curry) - Request to add urgency clause

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

I respectfully request your permission to add an urgency clause to AB 228. This bill states that a food, beverage, or cosmetic that contains cannabidiol (CBD) derived from industrial hemp is not *adulterated*, and prohibits restrictions on these products based solely on the fact that the products contain CBD derived from hemp.

Many people are <u>currently</u> purchasing hemp-derived CBD products at their local natural foods shops, fitness centers, and health stores for some time. In fact, seniors are a significant portion of the people choosing to use hemp CBD, because they do not want to visit a marijuana dispensary. Consumers specifically seek out hemp-derived CBD because it can provide them with health benefits, but it does not produce a "high" because CBD derived from hemp contains only trace amounts of THC (less than 0.3 percent), the psychoactive component in marijuana products.

According to the California Department of Public Health, "Until the FDA rules that industrial hemp-derived CBD oil and CBD products can be used as a food **or California makes a determination that they are safe to use for human and animal consumption**, CBD products are not an approved food, food ingredient, food additive, or dietary supplement."

An urgency statute is necessary in this bill to protect the rapidly expanding industry relating to industrial hemp and derivatives of hemp in California. This will reduce inconsistency in implementation of state and federal law.

The manufacturer and sale of CBD derived from hemp is a rapidly expanding business in California with over 1,000 employees and millions of dollars of economic productivity. Should the state choose not to clarify that hemp CBD products are legal for sale and consumption, these jobs and this business will be lost. Moreover, the many California consumers that <u>currently</u> purchase and rely on hemp CBD products will face a new barrier to obtaining what they need. This means driving consumers to out-of-state and online markets, or to marijuana dispensaries where the CBD they can purchase does contain levels of THC.

My staff has already discussed this issue with Assembly Health Committee. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Aquir-Cump Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

Assemblymember, 4th District