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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/16/2022
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the following bills have been added to the list of referrals: AB 1695, AB 1853, AB 1976, AB 2003, AB 2018, AB 2068, AB 2092, AB 2141, AB 2199, AB 2201, AB 2246, AB 2248, AB 2253, AB 2337, AB 2346, AB 2364, AB 2373, AB 2376, AB 2403, AB 2422, AB 2443, AB 2478, AB 2496, AB 2514, AB 2518, AB 2535, AB 2561, AB 2578, AB 2648, AB 2649, AB 2695, AB 2716, AB 2788, AB 2790, AB 2795, AB 2848, AB 2885, AB 2912, AB 2917. The referral recommendation for AB 1934 and AB 2773 has changed.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/17/2022

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

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 150

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 22, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 150—Relative to the Persian New Year.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 150, as introduced, Nazarian. Persian New Year.

This measure would celebrate Monday, March 21, 2022, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extend best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowrūz to all Californians.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Nowrūz (pronounced no-rooz) originated in ancient
2 Persia more than 3,000 years ago and marks the traditional Persian
3 New Year beginning on the vernal equinox and celebrates the
4 arrival of spring; and

5 WHEREAS, Nowrūz is a combination of two Persian words:
6 the first, “now,” means new, and the second, “ruz,” means day.
7 Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new
8 year for many Persian and Central Asian communities all over the
9 world. It is celebrated on the exact day of the astronomical
10 Northward equinox, which occurs on March 20 or the following
11 day where it is observed; and

12 WHEREAS, The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to
13 springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between
14 generations, families, and communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Nowrūz’s most notable festivities include the
2 creation of the Haft-Sin table, which is an arrangement of seven
3 symbolic items starting with “S” in Persian. This table often
4 includes sumac (crushed spice or berries), senjed (sweet dry fruit
5 of lotus trees), serkeh (vinegar), and seeb (apples), which each
6 represent various hopes for the new year, including health, wealth,
7 and prosperity. Additionally, a wisdom book is often included in
8 the form of a Koran or Bible. These festivities last over 13 days
9 and begin on the eve of the first Wednesday of the year; and

10 WHEREAS, Nowrūz is rooted in Zoroastrianism, which is an
11 ancient Persian religion that predates both Christianity and Islam
12 and originated in Iran around 1000 B.C. It is also a secular holiday
13 that is enjoyed by people of various faiths around the world and
14 is surrounded by many rituals and celebrations that have taken on
15 various interpretations. During Nowrūz, people wear new clothes,
16 visit family, reconnect with community members, forgive past
17 wrongs, and exchange gifts as a sign of peace and friendship; and

18 WHEREAS, While Nowrūz is celebrated and observed
19 principally in Iran, the traditions of Nowrūz are strong among
20 people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan,
21 India, Pakistan, Turkey, Canada, and the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, According to the National Organization for Civil
23 Registration, the United States has the highest number of Iranians
24 outside of Iran, close to 1,000,000 people, with over one-half
25 residing in California. Most Iranian Americans reside in the greater
26 Los Angeles area, which has been affectionately referred to as
27 “Tehrangeles” or “Little Persia” among Iranian Americans; and

28 WHEREAS, The Los Angeles City Council designated the
29 intersection of Westwood Boulevard and Wilkins Avenue in west
30 Los Angeles as “Persian Square” to commemorate the first Persian
31 business to open in the City of Los Angeles; and

32 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed
33 International Nowrūz Day in 2010 at the enterprise of several
34 countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global
35 Nowrūz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the
36 many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to
37 the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country.
38 After thousands of years in the making, Nowrūz remains beloved,
39 universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture; now, therefore,
40 be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature joins the Persian and other
3 communities throughout the state in celebrating Monday, March
4 21, 2022, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extends
5 best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowrūz to all
6 Californians; 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: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 150 (Nazarian) – As Introduced February 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Persian New Year.

SUMMARY: Celebrates Monday, March 21, 2022, as the beginning of the Persian New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowrūz to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nowrūz is a combination of two Persian words: the first, “now,” means new, and the second, “ruz,” means day. Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new year for many Persian and Central Asian communities all over the world. It is celebrated on the exact day of the astronomical Northward equinox, which occurs on March 20 or the following day where it is observed.
- 2) The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between generations, families, and communities.
- 3) Nowrūz’s most notable festivities include the creation of the Haft-Sin table, which is an arrangement of seven symbolic items starting with “S” in Persian. This table often includes sumac (crushed spice or berries), senjed (sweet dry fruit of lotus trees), serkeh (vinegar), and seeb (apples), which each represent various hopes for the new year, including health, wealth, and prosperity. Additionally, a wisdom book is often included in the form of a Koran or Bible. These festivities last over 13 days and begin on the eve of the first Wednesday of the year.
- 4) While Nowrūz is celebrated and observed principally in Iran, the traditions of Nowrūz are strong among people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Canada, and the United States.
- 5) According to the National Organization for Civil Registration, the United States has the highest number of Iranians outside of Iran, close to 1,000,000 people, with over one-half residing in California. Most Iranian Americans reside in the greater Los Angeles area, which has been affectionately referred to as “Tehrangeles” or “Little Persia” among Iranian Americans.
- 6) The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed International Nowrūz Day in 2010 at the enterprise of several countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global Nowrūz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country. After thousands of years in the making, Nowrūz remains beloved, universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 158

Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Mia Bonta, Carrillo, Cervantes, Gray, Irwin, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Villapudua, and Wicks)

(Coauthors: Senators Atkins, Borgeas, Caballero, Glazer, Hurtado, Kamlager, Limón, and Ochoa Bogh)

March 9, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 158—Relative to women in agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 158, as introduced, Aguiar-Curry. Women in agriculture.

This measure would recognize the value of all women’s contributions to agriculture and resolve to help realize their success as leaders on the land.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California agriculture will experience extreme
2 transitions in the coming years and decades, including threats to
3 farmland from development, a high rate of farmers aging out of
4 the profession, climate change, and global pandemics. It is clear
5 that California’s agricultural sector will need unprecedented
6 collaboration, innovation, and equity to continue to thrive; and
7 WHEREAS, Women in agriculture represent an underutilized
8 ally in the effort to navigate these challenges. Though historically
9 relegated to less visible roles in agriculture, women have always
10 been critical to the success of California’s farms, ranches, and

1 other production landscapes. Women are increasingly pursuing
2 leadership roles as land managers, farmland owners, and advocates
3 for sound agricultural policies that provide real solutions to the
4 challenges facing the industry; and

5 WHEREAS, Women in agriculture bring richly diverse
6 perspectives and skills to the field. Their presence appears to be
7 increasing, but there is a need for greater acknowledgment of their
8 potential as leaders in agriculture; and

9 WHEREAS, The formal participation of women in agriculture
10 is at an historic high, with female enrollment numbers in
11 agricultural programs at land-grant universities outpacing those
12 of males since 2009, and girls' participation in 4-H programs
13 exceeding that of boys across the United States. This trend holds
14 in California, where roughly 75 percent of the students who earned
15 a bachelor's degree in agriculture-related majors from the
16 University of California, Davis, during the 2019–20 academic year
17 were women, compared to 61 percent of women in the total
18 University of California, Davis, undergraduate enrollment; and

19 WHEREAS, An analysis of the 2017 Census of Agriculture data
20 showed that, across the country, compared to men primary
21 producers, women primary producers represent greater racial and
22 ethnic diversity; and

23 WHEREAS, Female producers in California represent 37 percent
24 of California's total producers, however, only 32.5 percent of
25 female producers are in leadership positions; and

26 WHEREAS, There is a continued need for equitable access to
27 resources and support to realize the potential of women as allies
28 in conservation, climate-smart agriculture, and farmland protection;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Women-led farms, on average, operate on smaller
31 acreage compared to male-led counterparts. Due to social norms,
32 women also tend to lead operations that produce products that are
33 marginalized in agricultural support programs, such as diverse
34 specialty crops and small livestock. In an increasingly competitive
35 marketplace that favors economies of scale, these factors mean
36 that women-led farms tend to have tighter economic margins; and

37 WHEREAS, Data indicates that more than half of women
38 farmers across the United States have an off-farm job as their
39 primary occupation. Beyond being a source of extra income,
40 off-farm jobs are often a literal lifeline, since many women

1 maintain them for healthcare benefits that would otherwise be out
2 of reach; and

3 WHEREAS, Women play pivotal roles in agriculture at many
4 levels and have unique needs depending on their role and
5 intersecting identities; and

6 WHEREAS, Women have always been critical to the success
7 of California agriculture, but many have done so behind-the-scenes
8 in roles such as bookkeeping and financial management. In recent
9 years there has been a significant increase in the transfer of
10 farmland ownership to female surviving spouses, many of whom
11 have not been provided the same education about agricultural
12 practices and resources that can support their farm's success. Many
13 female farm spouses are finding themselves in need of guidance
14 to take on more leadership in their operations; and

15 WHEREAS, Targeted outreach programs for women can be a
16 powerful tool for farmland protection and conservation practice
17 adoption; and

18 WHEREAS, Women are at the helm as entrepreneurs and
19 innovative land stewards. There are countless examples of women
20 farmers and ranchers in California who are at the forefront of
21 groundbreaking land stewardship practices that hold potential as
22 climate solutions; and

23 WHEREAS, Many women also engage in small-scale, urban
24 agriculture that contributes greatly to food security, nutrition,
25 health, and economic resilience in their communities; and

26 WHEREAS, Women in California's tribal communities are
27 stewarding land, producing food, and carrying on traditional
28 cultural practices that support the resilience of California
29 ecosystems and food security; and

30 WHEREAS, Women stand out as drivers of local economies,
31 since women, on average, run smaller, more diversified operations
32 that sell directly to consumers. Farms and ranches that feed
33 communities directly also keep local dollars circulating in local
34 economies and tend to lead to more regional job growth; and

35 WHEREAS, Women-powered farms played a critical role in
36 improving community food security during the COVID-19
37 pandemic; and

38 WHEREAS, Though challenges exist for many women farmers
39 to gain secure land tenure, countless women are growing food for
40 nonprofit organizations or are utilizing small plots of private,

1 communal, or public land to provide fresh food for their
2 communities. The fundamental, yet underestimated, value these
3 activities bring to the health and resilience of women’s
4 communities was never more apparent than during the intersecting
5 crises of the last two years; now, therefore, be it
6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
7 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the value of*
8 *all women’s contributions to agriculture and resolves to help realize*
9 *their success as leaders on the land; and be it further*
10 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
11 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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Date of Hearing: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 158 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced March 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Women in agriculture.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the value of all women’s contributions to agriculture and resolves to help realize their success as leaders on the land. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California agriculture will experience extreme transitions in the coming years and decades, including threats to farmland from development, a high rate of farmers aging out of the profession, climate change, and global pandemics. It is clear that California’s agricultural sector will need unprecedented collaboration, innovation, and equity to continue to thrive.
- 2) Women in agriculture represent an underutilized ally in the effort to navigate these challenges. Though historically relegated to less visible roles in agriculture, women have always been critical to the success of California’s farms, ranches, and other production landscapes.
- 3) Women are increasingly pursuing leadership roles as land managers, farmland owners, and advocates for sound agricultural policies that provide real solutions to the challenges facing the industry. Women in agriculture bring richly diverse perspectives and skills to the field.
- 4) The formal participation of women in agriculture is at an historic high, with female enrollment numbers in agricultural programs at land-grant universities outpacing those of males since 2009, and girls’ participation in 4-H programs exceeding that of boys across the United States.
- 5) This trend holds in California, where roughly 75 percent of the students who earned a bachelor’s degree in agriculture-related majors from the University of California, Davis, during the 2019–20 academic year were women, compared to 61 percent of women in the total University of California, Davis, undergraduate enrollment.
- 6) Women play pivotal roles in agriculture at many levels and have unique needs depending on their role and intersecting identities. Women have always been critical to the success of California agriculture, but many have done so behind-the-scenes in roles such as bookkeeping and financial management.
- 7) In recent years there has been a significant increase in the transfer of farmland ownership to female surviving spouses, many of whom have not been provided the same education about agricultural practices and resources that can support their farm’s success. Many female farm spouses are finding themselves in need of guidance to take on more leadership in their operations.
- 8) Women-powered farms played a critical role in improving community food security during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though challenges exist for many women farmers to gain secure land tenure, countless women are growing food for nonprofit organizations or are utilizing

small plots of private, communal, or public land to provide fresh food for their communities. The fundamental, yet underestimated, value these activities bring to the health and resilience of women's communities was never more apparent than during the intersecting crises of the last two years.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 159

Introduced by Assembly Member Chen

March 10, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 159—Relative to Deaf History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 159, as introduced, Chen. Deaf History Month.

This measure would declare March 13, 2022, to April 15, 2022, as Deaf History Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The purpose of Deaf History Month is to increase
2 awareness of and express appreciation for the many contributions
3 that deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals have made to our society;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The State Department of Social Services’ Office
6 of Deaf Access estimates around 3,000,000 people who are deaf
7 or hard of hearing reside in California; and

8 WHEREAS, The American School for the Deaf opened in the
9 City of Hartford, Connecticut, on April 15, 1817, as the first public
10 school for the deaf in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Gallaudet University was founded on April 8,
12 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the charter
13 establishing it as the first institution of higher education for the
14 deaf and hard of hearing in the world; and

15 WHEREAS, In March 1988, students at Gallaudet University
16 protested the Board of Trustees’ selection of a hearing person to

1 be the university’s eighth president and demanded, among other
2 things, that the university replace the president with a deaf person.
3 The weeklong protest culminated on March 13, 1988, when Dr. I.
4 King Jordan was named the first deaf president of Gallaudet
5 University; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) first
7 introduced National Deaf History Month in 1997 and, in 2006, the
8 American Library Association partnered with NAD in supporting
9 and spreading awareness of this celebration; and

10 WHEREAS, National Deaf History Month is the perfect time
11 to learn and discover more about our deaf and hard-of-hearing
12 friends and neighbors and to bring awareness to their lived
13 experiences; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares March 13, 2022,
16 to April 15, 2022, as Deaf History Month; and be it further

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

O

Date of Hearing: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 159 (Chen) – As Introduced March 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Deaf History Month.

SUMMARY: Declares March 13, 2022, to April 15, 2022, as Deaf History Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The purpose of Deaf History Month is to increase awareness of and express appreciation for the many contributions that deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals have made to our society.
- 2) The American School for the Deaf opened in the City of Hartford, Connecticut, on April 15, 1817, as the first public school for the deaf in the United States.
- 3) Gallaudet University was founded on April 8, 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the charter establishing it as the first institution of higher education for the deaf and hard of hearing in the world.
- 4) In March 1988, students at Gallaudet University protested the Board of Trustees' selection of a hearing person to be the university's eighth president and demanded, among other things, that the university replace the president with a deaf person. The weeklong protest culminated on March 13, 1988, when Dr. I. King Jordan was named the first deaf president of Gallaudet University.
- 5) The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) first introduced National Deaf History Month in 1997 and, in 2006, the American Library Association partnered with NAD in supporting and spreading awareness of this celebration.
- 6) The State Department of Social Services' Office of Deaf Access estimates around 3,000,000 people who are deaf or hard of hearing reside in California.
- 7) National Deaf History Month is the perfect time to learn and discover more about our deaf and hard-of-hearing friends and neighbors and to bring awareness to their lived experiences.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 160

Introduced by Assembly Members Mathis and Grayson

March 14, 2022

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 160—Relative to Down syndrome awareness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 160, as introduced, Mathis. California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

This measure would proclaim March 20, 2022, to March 26, 2022, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2022, as California Down Syndrome Day, and would encourage all Californians to support and participate in related activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that
2 occurs in one out of every 700 to 1,000 births; and
3 WHEREAS, Down syndrome affects all races and ethnicities;
4 and
5 WHEREAS, Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a
6 full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic
7 material alters the course of development and causes the
8 characteristics associated with Down syndrome; and
9 WHEREAS, Down syndrome causes delays in physical and
10 intellectual development and is the most common cause of
11 intellectual disabilities; and
12 WHEREAS, Down syndrome can also cause additional medical
13 problems, including, but not limited to, heart defects, hearing

1 problems, vision impairment, upper respiratory infections, and
2 intestinal and thyroid problems; and

3 WHEREAS, Adequate access to health care, early intervention
4 programs, and inclusive education, as well as appropriate research,
5 are vital to the growth and development of individuals with Down
6 syndrome; and

7 WHEREAS, The inherent dignity and worth of persons with
8 Down syndrome, their valuable contributions as promoters of
9 well-being and diversity of their communities, and the importance
10 of their individual autonomy and independence, including the
11 freedom to make their own choices, should be recognized; and

12 WHEREAS, Individuals with Down syndrome attend school,
13 work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful
14 relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many wonderful
15 ways; and

16 WHEREAS, This inclusiveness facilitates the participation of
17 individuals with Down syndrome in society and helps them fulfill
18 their personal potential; and

19 WHEREAS, The National Buddy Walk Program helps raise
20 awareness and funds for programs that benefit people with Down
21 syndrome and their families, and the Special Olympics raises
22 awareness and allows individuals with Down syndrome and other
23 intellectual disabilities to discover new strengths and abilities,
24 skills, and success; and

25 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly
26 declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day, to be observed
27 every year beginning in 2012, and invited all to observe World
28 Down Syndrome Day in order to raise public awareness of Down
29 syndrome; and

30 WHEREAS, The 21st day of the third month was selected to
31 signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome
32 that causes Down syndrome; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That March 20, 2022, to March 26, 2022, is
35 proclaimed California Down Syndrome Awareness Week, and
36 March 21, 2022, is proclaimed California Down Syndrome Day;
37 and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That all Californians are encouraged to support and
39 participate in related activities; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
ACR 160 (Mathis) – As Introduced March 14, 2022

SUBJECT: California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 20, 2022, to March 26, 2022, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2022, as California Down Syndrome Day, and encourages all Californians to support and participate in related activities. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that occurs in 1 out of every 700 to 1,000 births and affects all races and ethnicities.
- 2) Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.
- 3) Down syndrome causes delays in physical and intellectual development; and, can also cause additional medical problems, including, but not limited to, heart defects, hearing problems, vision impairment, upper respiratory infections, and intestinal and thyroid problems.
- 4) Adequate access to health care, early intervention programs, and inclusive education, as well as appropriate research, are vital to the growth and development of individuals with Down syndrome.
- 5) Individuals with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many wonderful ways.
- 6) The National Buddy Walk Program helps raise awareness and funds for programs that benefit people with Down syndrome and their families; and, the Special Olympics raises awareness and allows individuals with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities to discover new strengths and abilities, skills, and success.
- 7) In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day to be observed every year beginning in 2012, and invited all to observe World Down Syndrome Day in order to raise public awareness of Down syndrome.

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. 95

**Introduced by Assembly Members Robert Rivas and Mathis
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Cunningham, Flora,
Gray, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Levine, Villapudua, and Wood)**

March 3, 2022

House Resolution No. 95—Relative to California Agriculture Day.

1 WHEREAS, March 23, 2022, 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 2022 is
7 “California Agriculture: Working Lands, Human Hands, Healthy
8 Plans,” in recognition of the essential role agriculture plays in
9 maintaining a strong economy while providing safe, abundant, and
10 affordable products; and

11 WHEREAS, Essential food chain workers have worked tirelessly
12 in the fields, packing sheds, processing facilities, food banks, and
13 grocery stores to ensure California’s food supply during the
14 COVID-19 pandemic and the largest wildfire season in the state’s
15 history; and

16 WHEREAS, For more than 60 consecutive years, California
17 has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing
18 more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for
19 approximately 50 percent of the nation’s supply of fruits,
20 vegetables, and nuts; and

1 WHEREAS, Farming and related industries employ more than
2 21.6 million people, making up over 10 percent of employment in
3 the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, California’s agricultural community relies on a
5 vital infrastructure that aids in the exclusion and early detection
6 of plant and animal pests and diseases that impact public health,
7 the environment, and commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, With less than 2 percent of California’s population
9 engaged in farming and agriculture, each agricultural worker today
10 provides for more than 165 other people, compared to just 25 in
11 1960; and

12 WHEREAS, Today’s agricultural industry offers over 200
13 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm
14 cultivation to food science and engineering; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, advances in
16 agricultural production have resulted in a drop in consumer
17 spending on food products from 22 percent of average household
18 disposable income in 1949 to 11 percent today; and

19 WHEREAS, California is the nation’s leader in agricultural
20 exports, shipping \$21,700,000,000 of food and agricultural
21 commodities around the world in 2019; and

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

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

29 WHEREAS, California consumers say that it is important to
30 them to purchase food items grown in the state and they have
31 demonstrated increased support of farmers’ markets,
32 community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm to School
33 programs; and

34 WHEREAS, A broad approach to agricultural education is vital
35 to ensure that California agricultural farms and ranches continue
36 to flourish; and

37 WHEREAS, California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of
38 agricultural land by 2050, and more than 300,000 acres of it will
39 have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California

1 should continue to work for conservation to preserve California’s
2 agricultural heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize
4 our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in
5 providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
8 *Assembly recognizes and honors all those who work in California*
9 *agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating*
10 *Wednesday, March 23, 2022, as California Agriculture Day and*
11 *by observing March 22, 2022, as National Agriculture Day; and*
12 *be 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 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 95 (Robert Rivas) – As Introduced March 3, 2022

SUBJECT: California Agriculture Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating Wednesday, March 23, 2022, as California Agriculture Day and by observing March 22, 2022, as National Agriculture Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March 23, 2022, 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 theme of California Agriculture Day 2022 is “California Agriculture: Working Lands, Human Hands, Healthy Plans,” in recognition of the essential role agriculture plays in maintaining a strong economy while providing safe, abundant, and affordable products.
- 3) Essential food chain workers have worked tirelessly in the fields, packing sheds, processing facilities, food banks, and grocery stores to ensure California’s food supply during the COVID-19 pandemic and the largest wildfire season in the state’s history.
- 4) For more than 60 consecutive years, California has been the number one 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.
- 5) Today’s agricultural industry offers over 200 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm cultivation to food science and engineering.
- 6) California is the nation’s leader in agricultural exports, shipping \$21.7 billion of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2019.
- 7) Public-private partnerships are continually being developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices on the farm, in transit, and during processing.
- 8) California consumers say that it is important to them to purchase food items grown in the state and they have demonstrated increased support of farmers’ markets, community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm to School programs.
- 9) California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of agricultural land by 2050, and more than 300,000 acres of it will have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California should continue to work for conservation to preserve California’s agricultural heritage.

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. 96

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

March 7, 2022

House Resolution No. 96—Relative to National Surveyors Week.

1 WHEREAS, There are over 45,000 professional surveyors in
2 the United States, and approximately 4,000 in the State of
3 California; and

4 WHEREAS, Surveying is the art and science of accurately
5 determining the position of points and the distances between them,
6 and is often used to establish land boundaries for ownership or
7 governmental purposes; and

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Former notable surveyors include George
22 Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Meriwether
23 Lewis, William Clark, Daniel Boone, and Henry David Thoreau,
24 among many others; and

1 WHEREAS, It was the work of the surveyor that determined
2 the boundaries of land, the greatest economic asset in the colonies
3 and territories that became the United States, including California;
4 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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Many services are now provided through the use
19 of sophisticated surveying equipment and techniques, including
20 satellite-borne remote sensing devices and automated positioning,
21 measuring, recording, and plotting equipment; and

22 WHEREAS, The establishment of the week of March 20 through
23 March 26, 2022, 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
26 Assembly recognizes the week of March 20 through March 26,
27 2022, as National Surveyors Week; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
HR 96 (Bigelow) – As Introduced March 7, 2022

SUBJECT: National Surveyors Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of March 20 through March 26, 2022, 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 approximately 4,000 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) It was the work of the surveyor that determined the boundaries of land, the greatest economic asset in the colonies and territories that became the United States, including California. The nature of surveying has changed dramatically over time, as it is no longer limited to the description and location of land boundaries.
- 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

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Cortese

March 1, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to Visual and Performing Arts Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 80, as introduced, Cortese. Visual and Performing Arts Education Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2022 as Visual and Performing Arts Education Month and urge all residents to become interested in and give full support to quality visual and performing arts education programs for children and youth.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The arts are a necessary and required component
2 of every California pupil’s education to develop well-rounded,
3 life-long learners who contribute to the prosperity and quality of
4 life for local and global communities; and
5 WHEREAS, Visual and performing arts education is crucial to
6 achieving a state educational policy devoted to the teaching of
7 essential academic skills and lifelong learning capacities to truly
8 prepare all children for success after high school regardless of
9 gender, age, economic status, physical ability, or learning ability;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, Visual and performing arts education, including
12 dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts, develops engaged,
13 creative, expressive, responsive, empathetic, and artistically literate
14 citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, Visual and performing arts education has a unique
2 ability to communicate the ideas and emotions of the human spirit
3 and connect us to our history, heritage, and culture, thereby
4 fostering cultural understanding, emotional intelligence, critical
5 thinking, and collaborative skills; and

6 WHEREAS, Visual and performing arts education prepares
7 pupils for the 21st century workforce, furthers academic goals,
8 complements learning in other core subjects, improves pupil
9 engagement and attendance, strengthens parent and community
10 engagement, and enhances a positive school culture and climate;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The visual and performing arts are a recognized
13 part of a quality education, and the University of California and
14 the California State University have instituted a policy that includes
15 visual and performing arts education as a college preparatory
16 subject for all high school pupils wishing to enter the state's
17 institutions of higher education; and

18 WHEREAS, Every pupil has a right to a well-rounded education
19 that includes the arts and the benefits it brings, as mandated in
20 Sections 51210 and 51220 of the Education Code, which state, in
21 part, that the adopted course of study shall include instruction in
22 and courses on visual and performing arts, including instruction
23 in dance, music, theater, and visual arts, all aimed at the
24 "development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative
25 expression"; and

26 WHEREAS, The State of California, through the local control
27 funding formula, has provided flexibility for local educational
28 agencies to direct growing resources towards visual and performing
29 arts education; and

30 WHEREAS, The Legislature intends that this funding help
31 implement a comprehensive vision for visual and performing arts
32 education at the local level to ensure that every pupil in the state
33 benefits from this investment; and

34 WHEREAS, This funding is the first step in investing in quality
35 visual and performing arts education programs for all California
36 pupils; and

37 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education adopted the
38 California Arts Standards for Public Schools, Prekindergarten
39 Through Grade Twelve in 2019 and the California Arts Education
40 Framework for Public Schools, Transitional Kindergarten Through

1 Grade Twelve in 2020, which provide a foundation for the
2 development of artistic competencies and the cultivation of a
3 lifelong appreciation and understanding of the arts. The California
4 Arts Standards reflect the fundamental belief that every child
5 should have equitable access to high-quality, standards-based
6 visual and performing arts education to thrive and participate in
7 modern society; and

8 WHEREAS, Many national and state professional visual and
9 performing arts education associations hold celebrations in March,
10 giving California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the
11 value of the arts for all pupils, foster cross-cultural understanding,
12 provide recognition to the state’s outstanding young artists, and
13 enhance public support for this essential part of the curriculum;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
17 March 2022 as Visual and Performing Arts Education Month and
18 urges all residents to become interested in and give full support to
19 quality visual and performing arts education programs for children
20 and youth; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
22 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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25 **CORRECTIONS:**

26 **Text—Page 3.**
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Date of Hearing: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 80 (Cortese) – As Introduced March 1, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Visual and Performing Arts Education Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2022 as Visual and Performing Arts Education Month, and urges all residents to become interested in and give full support to quality visual and performing arts education programs for children and youth. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The arts are a necessary and required component of every California pupil’s education to develop well-rounded, life-long learners who contribute to the prosperity and quality of life for local and global communities.
- 2) Visual and performing arts education is crucial to achieving a state educational policy devoted to the teaching of essential academic skills and lifelong learning capacities to truly prepare all children for success after high school regardless of gender, age, economic status, physical ability, or learning ability.
- 3) Visual and performing arts education, including dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts, develops engaged, creative, expressive, responsive, empathetic, and artistically literate citizens.
- 4) Visual and performing arts education has a unique ability to communicate the ideas and emotions of the human spirit and connect us to our history, heritage, and culture, thereby fostering cultural understanding, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, and collaborative skills.
- 5) The visual and performing arts are a recognized part of a quality education, and the University of California and the California State University have instituted a policy that includes visual and performing arts education as a college preparatory subject for all high school pupils wishing to enter the state’s institutions of higher education.
- 6) Every pupil has a right to a well-rounded education that includes the arts and the benefits it brings, as mandated in Sections 51210 and 51220 of the Education Code, which state, in part, that the adopted course of study shall include instruction in and courses on visual and performing arts, including instruction in dance, music, theater, and visual arts, all aimed at the “development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression”.
- 7) The State of California, through the local control funding formula, has provided flexibility for local educational agencies to direct growing resources towards visual and performing arts education. This funding is the first step in investing in quality visual and performing arts education programs for all California pupils.

- 8) Many national and state professional visual and performing arts education associations hold celebrations in March, giving California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all pupils, foster cross-cultural understanding, provide recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, and enhance public support for this essential part of the curriculum.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Create CA

Opposition

None on file

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



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March 14, 2022

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

Position: Support

Location: Assembly Rules Committee

Re: SCR 80 (Cortese) Visual and Performing Arts Education Month (As Introduced March 1, 2022)

Dear Chair Cooley:

On behalf of Create CA, I am writing to express support for SCR 80, a measure that declares March 2022 to be Arts Education Month. This bill encourages elected officials to participate with their educational communities in celebrating the arts and urges all residents to become interested in and give full support to quality school arts programs for children and youth.

Research shows that the arts are a critical link to student success. Arts education is linked to higher test scores across all subjects, as well as lower dropout rates. It fosters creativity and imagination, hallmarks of careers in the 21st century. Beyond the classroom, the arts are shown to nurture collaboration and civic engagement in young people.

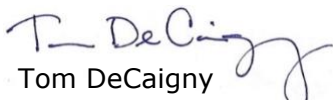
This measure will help to raise awareness among state, county, and local elected officials about the essential value of arts education in our schools.

We want to thank Senator Cortese for introducing SCR 80 which acknowledges the important role of visual and performing arts in the education of California's children and youth.

A statewide leader and convener, the California Alliance for Arts Education recently merged with Create CA to expand our coalition to ensure every California student has access to a well-rounded education. By collaborating effectively with the state's leading education and parent engagement agencies and providing an anchor for policy expertise at the state and local levels, our newly merged organization is the leader in promoting the arts and creativity in schools and communities.

Please contact our legislative advocate, Ms. Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 838-6600 or lynch@lynchlobby.com, with any questions.

Sincerely,


Tom DeCaigny
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Assemblymember Dave Cortese, Author
Ms. Tara Sreekrishnan, Senator Cortese's Office
Ms. Kathryn Lynch, Legislative Advocate
Create CA

Introduced by Senator Rubio

(Coauthors: Senators Dodd, Durazo, Hertzberg, Hueso, Hurtado, Newman, Nielsen, Pan, Umberg, and Wiener)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Chen, Levine, Rodriguez, Salas, Ting, Villapudua, and Wicks)

March 2, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 81—Relative to school nutrition programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 81, as introduced, Rubio. School Breakfast Week.

This measure would proclaim March 7, 2022, to March 11, 2022, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week and would recognize the importance of school nutrition programs and school nutrition staff in addressing the needs of the state’s pupils.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, “National School Breakfast Week” is observed
2 annually to promote the importance of a nutritious breakfast to
3 pupil health and learning, and to recognize the critical role of the
4 federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs
5 of children across the United States; and
6 WHEREAS, An estimated one in six children in the state live
7 in food insecure households, meaning that they do not have
8 consistent access to adequate food for an active and healthy life;
9 and
10 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened economic
11 hardship among many families in the state, especially within

1 communities of color, with an estimated 1,500,000 children
2 estimated to have faced hunger in 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, School nutrition programs provided vital meals to
4 pupils and their families during the pandemic through innovative
5 models, such as drive-thru operations and delivery services, as
6 well as to pupils returning to classrooms; and

7 WHEREAS, Eating school breakfast helps pupils excel
8 academically and supports their ability to learn and perform, such
9 as with better test scores, improved concentration, and fewer class
10 disruptions; and

11 WHEREAS, School breakfast participation also helps improve
12 pupils’ overall diet, builds healthy and lifelong eating habits,
13 improves food security, and advances child health and well-being;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, School breakfast will continue to play a critical
16 role in keeping pupils nourished through the 2021–22 school year
17 and beyond; and

18 WHEREAS, The Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom
19 recognized the critical need to ensure healthy meals for all
20 California pupils and enacted the Free School Meals for All Act
21 of 2021 so all pupils will have access to free school meals,
22 including breakfast, beginning in the 2022–23 school year; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March
26 7, 2022, to March 11, 2022, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week;
27 and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the critical role of the
29 federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs
30 of pupils, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it
31 further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the invaluable service
33 of school nutrition staff who work tirelessly to administer the
34 federal School Breakfast Program, even amidst unprecedented
35 challenges; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 81 (Rubio) – As Introduced March 2, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: School Breakfast Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 7, 2022, to March 11, 2022, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) “National School Breakfast Week” is observed annually to promote the importance of a nutritious breakfast to pupil health and learning, and to recognize the critical role of the federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs of children across the United States.
- 2) An estimated one in six children in the state live in food insecure households, meaning that they do not have consistent access to adequate food for an active and healthy life.
- 3) The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened economic hardship among many families in the state, especially within communities of color, with an estimated 1.5 million children estimated to have faced hunger in 2021.
- 4) School nutrition programs provided vital meals to pupils and their families during the pandemic through innovative models, such as drive-thru operations and delivery services, as well as to pupils returning to classrooms.
- 5) Eating school breakfast helps pupils excel academically and supports their ability to learn and perform, such as with better test scores, improved concentration, and fewer class disruptions.
- 6) School breakfast participation also helps improve pupils’ overall diet, builds healthy and lifelong eating habits, improves food security, and advances child health and well-being. School breakfast will continue to play a critical role in keeping pupils nourished through the 2021–22 school year and beyond.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

No Kid Hungry California

Opposition

None on file

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March 15, 2022

Assembly Member Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
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Re: SCR 81

Dear Assembly Member Cooley,

On behalf of No Kid Hungry California, a campaign focused on ending childhood hunger, we write as sponsors of SCR 81, authored by Senator Rubio, to express our strong support for this important resolution, commemorating March 7, 2022 as School Breakfast Week. In so doing the resolution promotes the importance of a nutritious breakfast to pupil health and learning, and recognizes the critical role of the federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs of children in California.

In serving the needs of our communities we have seen first-hand the positive effect of school breakfast programs. We are all painfully aware of the great trauma and learning loss school age children have suffered during the pandemic. Such trauma and learning loss should never be exacerbated by hunger; and, because of school breakfast programs we know that many children in California were saved from this one additional trauma.

There is a direct correlation between regular access to nutritious food and successful education outcomes. We must continue to prioritize children having regular access to free and nutritious food at school. This SCR recognizes the important role school breakfast programs play in the life of school-age children.

Thank you for your consideration of SCR 81 highlighting the important issues related to childhood hunger. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Saile at (949)381-1366 or ksaile@strength.org or Libby Sanchez at (916) 213-1440 or lsanchez@actumllc.com.

Sincerely,

Kathy A. Saile, MSW
Director, No Kid Hungry CA

**Introduced by Senator Rubio
(Coauthors: Senators Caballero, Leyva, and Limón)**

March 2, 2022

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to Women in Construction Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 83, as introduced, Rubio. Women in Construction Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of March 6, 2022, to March 12, 2022, 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
15 industry; and

16 WHEREAS, Women currently occupy only 10 percent of all
17 apprenticeships and less than 3 percent of construction trade jobs

1 nationally. As a state, we should support policy efforts, such as
2 Chapter 675 of the Statutes of 2018 (Assembly Bill 2358) and
3 Chapter 722 of the Statutes of 2019 (Senate Bill 530). We aim to
4 make construction job sites safer and more welcoming to women
5 and will help achieve at least 20 percent by 2022; and
6 WHEREAS, The construction industry in California has
7 tremendous need for skilled and motivated workers, managers,
8 and entrepreneurs from all segments of the population; and
9 WHEREAS, The construction industry must strive to educate
10 and inspire parents, educators, and career counselors to encourage
11 California’s youth to enter into rewarding career opportunities in
12 construction; and
13 WHEREAS, Rising costs of higher education and evolving
14 employer workforce training needs make apprenticeship an
15 increasingly important career pathway without the burden of
16 student loans; and
17 WHEREAS, Women face many barriers to entering and staying
18 in the construction field and have historically been discouraged
19 from pursuing apprenticeship opportunities that lead to meaningful
20 careers with family-supporting wages; and
21 WHEREAS, Apprenticeships are a critical pathway for women
22 to participate fully and equally in California’s growing economy;
23 and
24 WHEREAS, According to data from the Division of
25 Apprenticeship Standards, joint labor management building trades
26 apprenticeship programs collectively graduate over 90 percent of
27 women apprentices in California’s state-approved apprenticeship
28 system; and
29 WHEREAS, The development of women-owned business
30 enterprises will benefit all members of the workforce through the
31 creation of meaningful and productive jobs; and
32 WHEREAS, Research has shown that gender diversity is
33 associated with increased performance, innovation, and
34 opportunity. Having more women entrepreneurs and small business
35 owners operating in the construction industry will only benefit the
36 working conditions for women across all industries; and
37 WHEREAS, Women represent an untapped resource, and
38 activities to improve women’s recruitment and retention in skilled
39 construction jobs is critically important in helping to close the

1 workforce skills gap, build the middle class, and help meet the
2 needs of the 21st century; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims March 6, 2022,
5 to March 12, 2022, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week
6 and requests that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on the
7 people of the great State of California to observe the week with
8 appropriate programs and education activities; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 17, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Ken Cooley, Chair
SCR 83 (Rubio) – As Introduced March 2, 2022

SENATE VOTE: 34-0

SUBJECT: Women in Construction Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of March 6, 2022, to March 12, 2022, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 1987, Congress declared March as national Women’s History Month in perpetuity, and since then, the industry has celebrated women in construction during the first week of March.
- 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) The construction industry in California has tremendous need for skilled and motivated workers, managers, and entrepreneurs from all segments of the population.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Research has shown that gender diversity is associated with increased performance, innovation, and opportunity. Having more women entrepreneurs and small business owners operating in the construction industry will only benefit the working conditions for women across all industries.
- 6) 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

Contractors State License Board (CSLB)

Opposition

None on file

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Governor Gavin Newsom

March 14, 2022

The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
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SUBJECT: SUPPORT - SCR 83 (Rubio): Women in Construction Week Proclamation

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB or Board) is in **SUPPORT** of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 83. This resolution establishes March 6, 2022, to March 12, 2022, as California's Women in Construction Week, to celebrate the importance of women in the industry, encourage policies that increase representation of women in the trades, and raise awareness of the barriers women face in the industry to eliminate those inequities.

As stated in the resolution, "women currently occupy only 10 percent of all apprenticeships and less than 3 percent of construction trade jobs nationally." As the entity that regulates construction, CSLB is committed to increasing participation of women in the industry.

In November 2020, CSLB created a Women in Construction Advisory Committee toward this goal. Since then, CSLB has partnered with the North State Building Industry Association and the California Capital Women's Business Center to conduct a three-part event to help women and minorities enter the trades by providing specific information on obtaining a license as well as creating or buying a business. Last summer, CSLB was pleased to announce a historic first – three women elected to lead the Board (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary). And on March 30, 2022, the Board will vote on adopting a 2022-2024 strategic plan goal that would assess barriers to licensure for women and minorities and create an outreach plan to increase licensee diversity.

For these reasons, the Board is pleased to **SUPPORT** this measure. If you have any questions, please contact the Board's Legislation Chief Mike Jamnetski at (916) 255-2798 or michael.jamnetski@cslb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan Granzella, Board Chair
Contractors State License Board

CC: The Honorable Senator Rubio

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March 8, 2022

Assembly Member Ken Cooley
Chair of the Rules Committee
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request to Add Urgency Clause to SB 207

Assembly Member Cooley,

This letter is to respectfully request permission to include an urgency clause to Senate Bill 207, which authorizes the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors to abolish the Office of Road Commissioner if it transfers all duties to the County Director of the Department of Public Works.

This urgency clause would allow the County of Siskiyou to achieve cost-savings as soon as possible to provide fiscal relief to the county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Dahle".

BRIAN DAHLE
1st Senate District

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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SUBSTANTIVE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 207

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 29, 2021

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 20, 2021

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 17, 2021

SENATE BILL

No. 207

Introduced by Senator Dahle

January 11, 2021



An act to add Section 2006.6 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to county ~~roads~~ roads, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

Amendment 1

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 207, as amended, Dahle. County road commissioner: County of Siskiyou.

Existing law requires the appointment of a road commissioner in each county by the board of supervisors, with specified powers and duties relating to county roads. Existing law provides for exceptions to this requirement, including authorization for the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced to transfer the duties of the county road commissioner to the county director of the department of public works.

This bill would also authorize the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou to transfer the duties of the county road commissioner to the county director of the department of public works.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the County of Siskiyou.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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SB 207

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

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

Page 2 1 SECTION 1. Section 2006.6 is added to the Streets and
2 Highways Code, to read:
3 2006.6. Notwithstanding any other law, the Board of
4 Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou may abolish the office of
5 road commissioner if the board transfers all duties of the road
6 commissioner to the county director of the department of public
7 works. The director of that department shall not be required to
8 have any special permit, registration, or license. Any civil
9 engineering functions that are required to be performed by the road
10 commissioner shall be performed by a registered civil engineer
11 acting under the authority of the director of that department.

13 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute
14 is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable
Page 3 1 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
2 Constitution because of the particular needs of the County of
3 Siskiyou, including difficulty in finding properly qualified
4 candidates for the position of county road commissioner.

+ SEC. 3. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
+ *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
+ *the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall*
+ *go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*
+ *In order to allow the County of Siskiyou to achieve cost-savings*
+ *as soon as possible to provide some fiscal relief to the county, it*
+ *is necessary that this act take effect immediately.*

Amendment 2

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