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**California Legislature**  
**Committee on Rules**

**JAMES RAMOS**  
**CHAIR**

Thursday, March 9, 2023  
8:45 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 126

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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ADDIS, DAWN  
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PAPAN, DIANE  
PELLERIN, GAIL  
RUBIO, BLANCA E.  
VALENCIA, AVELINO

CERVANTES, SABRINA (D-ALT)  
ZBUR, RICK CHAVEZ (D-ALT)  
DIXON, DIANE (R-ALT)

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 3/8/2023  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 1383 has changed.

The following bills have been added to the referral list: AB 441, AB 504, AB 556, AB 571, AB 574, AB 583, AB 593, AB 598, AB 662, AB 754, AB 762, AB 768, AB 771, AB 851, AB 856, AB 860, AB 914, AB 1016, AB 1020, AB 1061, AB 1081, AB 1087, AB 1106, AB 1122, AB 1223, AB 1314, AB 1315, AB 1365, AB 1463, AB 1474, AB 1496, AB 1575, AB 1611, AB 1649, AB 1691, AB 1709, AB 1712, AB 1736, and AB 1746. AB 1090, AB 1322, and AB 1414 have been removed from the referral list.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

03/09/2023

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

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<u>SB 41</u>	L. & E.
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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 22**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Essayli**

February 17, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Relative to Ramadan.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 22, as introduced, Essayli. Ramadan.

This measure would acknowledge the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and express the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world’s major religions and  
2 part of our shared human heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, California’s Muslim community is one of the most  
4 diverse in the nation, with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that  
5 span the globe; and

6 WHEREAS, Muslims have a long history in the United States,  
7 spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the  
8 enslaved African people were said to be Muslim; and

9 WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation’s armed  
10 forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the  
11 American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some  
12 Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and

13 WHEREAS, Muslims have contributed to social movements  
14 throughout the history of the United States in order to work toward  
15 justice, civil rights, and fair inclusion for all; and

1 WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our  
2 present-day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant  
3 role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and  
4 political development; and

5 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1,000,000 Muslim  
6 Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social  
7 fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions; and

8 WHEREAS, The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard  
9 work and contributions to medicine, science, information  
10 technology, education, law enforcement, military, and many other  
11 fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant,  
12 and economically vibrant environment; and

13 WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build  
14 communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual  
15 renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express  
16 gratitude in this month; and

17 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual  
18 renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the  
19 Muslim calendar year; and

20 WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim holy month of  
21 Ramadan commences at dusk on March 22, 2023, and continues  
22 for one lunar month, with Muslims fasting from sunrise to sunset  
23 each day; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
25 *thereof concurring,* That in observance of and out of respect for  
26 the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting  
27 and spiritual renewal, the Legislature acknowledges the onset of  
28 Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims across  
29 California and throughout the world on this significant occasion;  
30 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 22 (Essayli) – As Introduced February 17, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Ramadan.

**SUMMARY:** Acknowledges the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and expresses the Legislature’s respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Islam is one of the world’s major religions and part of our shared human heritage. California’s Muslim community is one of the most diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that span the globe.
- 2) From the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in the history of this state’s economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.
- 3) There are approximately one million Muslim Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions.
- 4) The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard work and contributions to medicine, science, information technology, education, police, military, and many other fields, have benefited from and enriched the state’s open, tolerant, and economically vibrant environment.
- 5) Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, aid those in need, and marks an annual spiritual renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude in this month.
- 6) Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year.
- 7) The observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on March 22, 2023, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day.

**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. 26**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Joe Patterson, Lackey, and Mathis**

February 28, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Relative to Down syndrome awareness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 26, as introduced, Joe Patterson. California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

This measure would proclaim March 19, 2023, to March 25, 2023, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2023, 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

1 WHEREAS, Down syndrome can also cause additional medical  
2 problems, including, but not limited to, heart defects, hearing  
3 problems, vision impairment, upper respiratory infections, and  
4 intestinal and thyroid problems; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
36 *thereof concurring*, That March 19, 2023, to March 25, 2023, is  
37 proclaimed California Down Syndrome Awareness Week, and  
38 March 21, 2023, is proclaimed California Down Syndrome Day;  
39 and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That all Californians are encouraged to support and
- 2 participate in related activities; and be it further
- 3     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 26 (Joe Patterson) – As Introduced February 28, 2023

**SUBJECT:** California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims March 19, 2023, to March 25, 2023, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2023, 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.
- 8) The 21st day of the third month was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome that causes 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

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 27**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Gallagher, Calderon, Flora, and Haney**

March 1, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to Irish American heritage and Ireland.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 27, as introduced, Gallagher. St. Patrick’s Day, the Good Friday Agreement, and diplomatic relations between the State of California and Ireland.

This measure would recognize St. Patrick’s Day, the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, and 90 years of diplomatic relations between the State of California and Ireland.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The 25th anniversary of the Good Friday  
2 Agreement has been reached. While there are still some outstanding  
3 issues, the agreement has been a considerable success. There are  
4 people alive on the island of Ireland today because of the  
5 continuous bipartisan support for the Good Friday Agreement over  
6 the last 25 years of state legislators, successive United States  
7 presidents, the United States Senate, the United States House of  
8 Representatives, and elected officials working in partnership with  
9 the governments of the United Kingdom and of Ireland; and  
10 WHEREAS, We honor the Good Friday Agreement, on this  
11 year of the 25th anniversary of its ratification, as the framework  
12 for lasting peace in Northern Ireland; and

1 WHEREAS, The Good Friday Agreement represented a  
2 landmark breakthrough that provided Ireland with a political  
3 framework to address its future; and

4 WHEREAS, The Good Friday Agreement acknowledged the  
5 right of differing political traditions to pursue their goals of  
6 remaining part of the United Kingdom or of Irish unity; and

7 WHEREAS, The Good Friday Agreement demonstrated  
8 democratic and peaceful means of resolving differences; and

9 WHEREAS, We recognize the British and Irish governments'  
10 ongoing support and implementation of the Good Friday  
11 Agreement. It is the irrevocable foundation of the peace process  
12 regardless of the United Kingdom's status regarding the European  
13 Union; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite the historic progress of the Good Friday  
15 Agreement and subsequent agreements, important issues remain  
16 unresolved in Northern Ireland, including securing justice for  
17 victims of state-sponsored violence and other violence and  
18 providing for the rights of all sections of the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Members of both political parties in the United  
20 States came together to support the Good Friday Agreement; and

21 WHEREAS, On March 17, during the annual celebration of the  
22 feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, Irish Americans  
23 join with adults and children of all ethnic origins for one day to  
24 become Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick, and this year we also  
25 celebrate and give thanks for the 25th anniversary of the Good  
26 Friday Agreement; and

27 WHEREAS, We recognize the longstanding and richly  
28 multifaceted relationship between the State of California and  
29 Ireland. The Consulate General of Ireland in the City and County  
30 of San Francisco opened in 1933, and this year we celebrate 90  
31 years of diplomatic relations. Ireland's opening of a second  
32 Consulate General of Ireland in the City of Los Angeles in 2019  
33 reinforces our strong and vibrant connections built on shared  
34 heritage, values, and ambition; and

35 WHEREAS, 2023 also marks the 175th anniversary of the first  
36 flying of the Irish flag by Thomas F. Meagher, who embodied the  
37 links between Ireland and the United States, started his life in  
38 Ireland, and died at the age of 43 as acting governor of the State  
39 of Montana; and

1 WHEREAS, In one lifetime, Thomas F. Meagher ran for election  
2 to the Waterford City Council, led the rebellion for freedom from  
3 British rule in Ireland in 1848, was sentenced to death, which was  
4 commuted to transportation for life in prison in Australia, from  
5 where he escaped, became a brigadier general in the 69th New  
6 York Infantry Regiment of the famous “fighting Irish Brigade,”  
7 and fought in some of the bloodiest battles of the American Civil  
8 War, including the Battles of Fredericksburg and Antietam. Thomas  
9 F. Meagher also became a friend of President Abraham Lincoln;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
12 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature celebrates St. Patrick’s  
13 Day, the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, and 90  
14 years of diplomatic relations between the State of California and  
15 the Republic of Ireland; and be it further

16 *Resolved,* That the Legislature celebrates the flag of Ireland as  
17 a symbol of the link between the United States and Ireland and as  
18 a symbol of peace; and be it further

19 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
20 of this resolution to the United States Senators and Members of  
21 the House of Representatives from this state; Ireland’s Ambassador  
22 to the United States, Geraldine Byrne Nason; Ireland’s Consul  
23 General to the Western United States, Micheál Smith; the Chair  
24 of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus and the 24th Chair  
25 of the Senate of Ireland, Senator Mark Daly; the national cochairs  
26 of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus: Assembly Member  
27 Carol Murphy, New Jersey; Speaker Robin Vos, Wisconsin;  
28 Senator Shannon O’Brien, Montana; Representative Brian Patrick  
29 Kennedy, Rhode Island; Assembly Member James Gallagher,  
30 California; Representative Fran Hurley, Illinois; and Representative  
31 Killian Timoney, Kentucky; and joint authors of this resolution:  
32 Assembly Member Matt Haney, Assembly Member Heath Flora,  
33 and Assembly Member Lisa Calderon.

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 27 (Gallagher) – As Introduced March 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** St. Patrick’s Day, the Good Friday Agreement, and diplomatic relations between the State of California and Ireland.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes St. Patrick’s Day, the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, and 90 years of diplomatic relations between the State of California and Ireland. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On March 17, during the annual celebration of the feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, Irish Americans join with adults and children of all ethnic origins for one day to become Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick.
- 2) This year we also celebrate and give thanks for the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. While there are still some outstanding issues, the agreement has been a considerable success.
- 3) There are people alive on the island of Ireland today because of the continuous bipartisan support for the Good Friday Agreement over the last 25 years of state legislators, successive United States presidents, the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and elected officials working in partnership with the governments of the United Kingdom and of Ireland.
- 4) We recognize the longstanding and richly multifaceted relationship between the State of California and Ireland. The Consulate General of Ireland in the City and County of San Francisco opened in 1933, and this year we celebrate 90 years of diplomatic relations. Ireland’s opening of a second Consulate General of Ireland in the City of Los Angeles in 2019 reinforces our strong and vibrant connections built on shared heritage, values, and ambition.
- 5) 2023 also marks the 175th anniversary of the first flying of the Irish flag by Thomas F. Meagher, who embodied the links between Ireland and the United States, started his life in Ireland, and died at the age of 43 as acting governor of the State of Montana.

**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. 30**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wilson**

March 2, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Relative to Women’s Military History Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 30, as introduced, Wilson. Women’s Military History Week.

This measure would recognize “Women Warriors” by proclaiming the week of March 13, 2023, to March 19, 2023, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week in California, recognize the hard-fought contributions of women to the military and freedom, and encourage Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013.

Fiscal committee: no.

1     WHEREAS, Women have served bravely in every major United  
2 States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their  
3 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  
7     WHEREAS, Approximately 300,000 women in uniform have  
8 served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and over 1,300,000  
9 women currently serve in the United States military. Women have  
10 served in intelligence gathering and as combat pilots, field artillery

1 officers, chaplains, special operations civil affairs officers, and  
2 even members of the ultra-secretive Delta Force; and

3 WHEREAS, During the Civil War, women disguised as men  
4 fought on both sides. Women also served as spies and medical  
5 personnel. Three of the most famous women were Dr. Mary  
6 Walker, a physician and the only woman ever awarded the  
7 Congressional Medal of Honor; Clara Barton, who served at the  
8 siege of Petersburg and founded the American Red Cross; and  
9 Harriet Tubman, who was a volunteer nurse, spy, and scout for  
10 the Union Army; and

11 WHEREAS, Cathay Williams was the first and only documented  
12 African American woman to enlist in the United States Army as  
13 a Buffalo Soldier in 1866 and Carmen Contreras-Bozak was the  
14 first Latina to serve in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps in  
15 1942; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Leigh Ann Hester became the first woman  
17 in the United States Army to earn a Silver Star for combat valor  
18 during Operation Iraqi Freedom, after leading her soldiers on a  
19 counterattack of anti-Iraqi forces. Her actions saved the lives of  
20 numerous convoy members; and

21 WHEREAS, Over 400 women have been killed in combat since  
22 World War I and over 90 women have been identified as prisoners  
23 of war since World War II; and

24 WHEREAS, January 24, 2023, marked the 10th anniversary of  
25 the groundbreaking decision overturning a 1994 Pentagon rule  
26 that restricted women from all combat-related roles, including  
27 artillery, armor, and infantry; and

28 WHEREAS, Former United States Secretary of Defense Ashton  
29 Carter directed the full integration of women into all military  
30 branches in 2015; and

31 WHEREAS, While approximately 16 percent of the total United  
32 States military is made up of women, six have held the rank of  
33 general, exemplifying the payoff for hard work that comes to  
34 people who do their best work in each and every role they take on,  
35 regardless of gender; and

36 WHEREAS, The United States military’s first female four-star  
37 general, Army General Ann E. Dunwoody, cracked the military’s  
38 “brass ceiling” in 2008, when she was awarded her fourth star and  
39 named commander of the Army Materiel Command, the unit that  
40 equips, outfits, and arms United States soldiers; and

1 WHEREAS, While women were barred from assignment to  
2 direct ground combat units, they were “attached” to such units and  
3 increasingly tasked with handling issues around the local populace.  
4 Their success and performance directly led to initiatives that  
5 resulted in a broader implementation of females in Special  
6 Operations Forces for years to come; and

7 WHEREAS, Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent, a  
8 Navy cryptologic technician who spoke seven different languages  
9 and was assigned to several special operations and secretive units,  
10 contributed directly to the capture of hundreds of enemy insurgents  
11 and severely degraded enemy combat capability. She was one of  
12 the first females to volunteer for and successfully pass the new  
13 Naval Special Warfare Direct Support Course; and

14 WHEREAS, Beginning with Task Force Lioness and Female  
15 Engagement Teams (FETs) in the early 2000s, female service  
16 members conducted search and questioning of women to help end  
17 terrorist attacks and smuggling, which was deemed culturally  
18 inappropriate if performed by a male service member. The success  
19 of Task Force Lioness and FETs led to the creation of Cultural  
20 Support Teams (CSTs). From 2010–14, United States Special  
21 Operations Command specially assessed, selected, and trained  
22 CSTs, who were attached to special operations teams directly  
23 engaging in village stability operations, search-and-clear and  
24 tactical questioning of the female population of Afghanistan; and

25 WHEREAS, Members of Task Force Lioness, FETs, and CSTs  
26 became a loophole for female service members to operate alongside  
27 the most highly trained, and exclusively male, forces on the  
28 battlefield, yet were considered enablers and not direct action  
29 assaulters; and

30 WHEREAS, In June 2019, then Brigadier General Laura Yeager,  
31 a former Black Hawk helicopter pilot, assumed command of the  
32 California National Guard’s 40th Infantry Division, becoming the  
33 first woman to command a United States Army infantry division;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, More than 9,000 female troops have earned Combat  
36 Action Badges during modern combat operations, including those  
37 in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have earned valor  
38 awards, including the Silver Star, the Army’s third-highest valor  
39 award; and



1 WHEREAS, It is recognized that women have always been  
2 capable of serving in combat and that it is policies like the 1994  
3 ban on women in combat that have precluded women from serving;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Since the ban was lifted, women are now training  
6 for and serving in infantry, armor, short-range field artillery units  
7 and occupations, and the number receiving their Ranger tabs  
8 continues to grow. Moreover, women in all services are also now  
9 eligible to serve as Special Operations Forces; and

10 WHEREAS, The Women in Military Service for America  
11 Memorial, at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National  
12 Cemetery, is the only major national memorial honoring all women  
13 who have defended America throughout history. Their patriotism  
14 and bravery are a part of our nation's heritage and are now  
15 recognized; and

16 WHEREAS, As a country based on freedom and opportunity,  
17 regardless of creed, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and  
18 any other factors of identity, we must demonstrate equal  
19 opportunity in our armed forces while maintaining the standard of  
20 respect for other persons our military has set; and

21 WHEREAS, Our military exists to serve and protect all people  
22 in the United States, to defend the United States Constitution, and  
23 to fight for our freedom; and

24 WHEREAS, From the Revolutionary War to modern-day  
25 humanitarian efforts, women in our military have led the way for  
26 progress, despite decades of obstacles, ultimately serving in  
27 positions of leadership and combat roles; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes  
30 "Women Warriors" by proclaiming the week of March 13, 2023,  
31 to March 19, 2023, inclusive, as Women's Military History Week  
32 in California; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the hard-fought  
34 contributions of women to our military and our freedom, and  
35 encourages Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that  
36 women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women  
37 in combat on January 24, 2013; 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 9, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 30 (Wilson) – As Introduced March 2, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Women’s Military History Week.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the week of March 13 to March 19, 2023, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week in California; and, encourages Californians to honor the courageous sacrifices that women have made since the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Women have served bravely in every major United States conflict since the American Revolutionary War, but their courage and service have gone largely unrecognized.
- 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, 2023, marked the 10th anniversary of the groundbreaking decision overturning a 1994 Pentagon rule that restricted women from all combat-related roles, including artillery, armor, and infantry.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Since the ban was lifted, women are now training for and serving in infantry, armor, short-range field artillery units and occupations, and the number receiving their Ranger tabs continues to grow. Moreover, women in all services are also now eligible to serve as Special Operations Forces.
- 6) More than 9,000 female troops have earned Combat Action Badges during modern combat operations, including those in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds more have earned valor awards, including the Silver Star, the Army’s third-highest valor award.

**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. 33**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Robert Rivas**

March 2, 2023

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Relative to school nutrition programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 33, as introduced, Robert Rivas. School Breakfast Week.

This measure would proclaim March 6, 2023, to March 10, 2023, 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 eight 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 and subsequent  
11 economic challenges have heightened economic hardship among  
12 many families in the state, especially within communities of color,  
13 with an estimated 1,100,000 California children having faced  
14 hunger in 2022; and

1 WHEREAS, School nutrition programs provide vital healthy  
2 meals to pupils every schoolday, nourishing pupils; and  
3 WHEREAS, Increasing access to school breakfast helps pupils  
4 excel academically and supports their ability to learn and perform,  
5 such as with better test scores, improved concentration, and fewer  
6 absences and class disruptions; and  
7 WHEREAS, School breakfast participation also helps improve  
8 pupils’ overall diet, builds healthy and lifelong eating habits,  
9 improves food security, and advances child health and well-being;  
10 and  
11 WHEREAS, School breakfast will continue to play a critical  
12 role in keeping pupils nourished through the 2022–23 school year  
13 and beyond, and making breakfast a part of the schoolday,  
14 commonly known as Breakfast After the Bell, is an effective way  
15 to ensure that more pupils realize the benefits of breakfast; and  
16 WHEREAS, The Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom  
17 recognized the critical need to ensure healthy meals for all  
18 California pupils and enacted the Free School Meals for All Act  
19 of 2021 so all pupils will have access to free school meals,  
20 including breakfast, beginning in the 2022–23 school year; now,  
21 therefore, be it  
22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March  
24 6, 2023, to March 10, 2023, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week;  
25 and be it further  
26 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the critical role of the  
27 federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs  
28 of pupils; and be it further  
29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the invaluable service  
30 of school nutrition staff who work tirelessly to administer the  
31 federal School Breakfast Program, even amidst unprecedented  
32 challenges; and be it further  
33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
34 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
ACR 33 (Robert Rivas) – As Introduced March 2, 2023

**SUBJECT:** School Breakfast Week.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims March 6, 2023, to March 10, 2023, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week and recognizes the importance of school nutrition programs and school nutrition staff in addressing the needs of the state’s pupils. 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 eight 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 and subsequent economic challenges have heightened economic hardship among many families in the state, especially within communities of color, with an estimated 1.1 million California children having faced hunger in 2022.
- 4) School nutrition programs provide vital healthy meals to pupils every school day, nourishing pupils. Increasing access to school breakfast helps pupils excel academically and supports their ability to learn and perform, such as with better test scores, improved concentration, and fewer absences and class disruptions.
- 5) School breakfast will continue to play a critical role in keeping pupils nourished through the 2022–23 school year and beyond, and making breakfast a part of the school day, is an effective way to ensure that more pupils realize the benefits of breakfast.
- 6) The Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom recognized the critical need to ensure healthy meals for all California pupils and enacted the Free School Meals for All Act of 2021 so all pupils will have access to free school meals, beginning in the 2022–23 school year.

**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. 17**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bauer-Kahan, Friedman,  
McKinnor, Stephanie Nguyen, Papan, Blanca Rubio, Waldron,  
Weber, Wicks, and Wilson)**

February 27, 2023

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House Resolution No. 17—Relative to Women’s History Month.

1 WHEREAS, American women of every culture, class, and ethnic  
2 background have been essential participants in the founding and  
3 building of our nation, have made historic and substantial  
4 contributions to the growth and strength of our nation, including  
5 playing a critical role in our country’s innovations in science,  
6 technology, commerce, arts and culture; and  
7 WHEREAS, Women have been leaders in every movement for  
8 social change, including their own movement for suffrage and  
9 equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize  
10 labor unions, and the civil rights movement, as well as leading the  
11 call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment; and  
12 WHEREAS, Despite the significant contributions women have  
13 made to our civic, economic and cultural life, these achievements  
14 by women have been largely overlooked and unacknowledged  
15 which has contributed to the pervasive gender inequity present  
16 throughout American society; and  
17 WHEREAS, The observance of Women’s History Week was  
18 initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of  
19 Women in 1978, an occasion that was then enacted by Congress  
20 in the 1987 as National Women’s History Month in perpetuity in  
21 acknowledgment that the significant contributions made by women

1 to every field of American life were largely undocumented and  
2 unknown and deserve to be recognized; and

3 WHEREAS, Women’s History Month is now commemorated  
4 throughout the nation by schools, historians, and community groups  
5 and provides an opportunity for schools and communities to focus  
6 attention on the historical role and accomplishments of the women  
7 of California and the United States and for students, in particular,  
8 to benefit from an awareness of these contributions; and

9 WHEREAS, The declaration of Women’s History Month will  
10 be not only a call to acknowledge the outstanding American women  
11 whose names we know, but also a call to pay homage to the many  
12 women who have anonymously shaped our collective past; and

13 WHEREAS, The achievements of the women who have gone  
14 before us will enable contemporary women and men to create  
15 tomorrow’s history by working toward an end to physical and  
16 sexual violence against women, discrimination and harassment in  
17 employment and education, and the relegation to poverty status  
18 of many women, and by advocating for the full participation of  
19 women in every arena whether politics, government, business,  
20 science, technology, or academia, as well as equal access to all of  
21 the opportunities this great nation has to offer; now, therefore, be  
22 it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
24 *Assembly of the State of California takes pleasure in joining the*  
25 *United States Congress and the California Commission on the*  
26 *Status of Women and Girls in honoring the contributions of*  
27 *women, and proclaims the month of March 2023 as Women’s*  
28 *History Month; and be it further*

29 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
30 *of this resolution to the Vice Chair of the California Legislative*  
31 *Women’s Caucus, to the Chair of the California Commission on*  
32 *the Status of Women and Girls for distribution to appropriate*  
33 *organizations, and to the California State Librarian.*

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36 **CORRECTIONS:**

37 **Heading—Line 3.**

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
HR 17 (Aguiar-Curry) – As Introduced February 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Women’s History Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of March 2023 as Women’s History Month and provides that the Assembly takes pleasure in joining the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls in honoring the contributions of women. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) American women of every culture, class, and ethnic background have been essential participants in the founding and building of our nation, have made historic and substantial contributions to the growth and strength of our nation, and have played a critical role in our country’s innovations in science, technology, commerce, arts and culture.
- 2) Women have been leaders in every movement for social change, including their own movement for suffrage and equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize labor unions, and the civil rights movement, as well as leading the call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment.
- 3) The achievements of the women who have gone before us will enable contemporary women and men to create tomorrow’s history by working toward an end to physical and sexual violence against women, discrimination and harassment in employment and education, and the relegation to poverty status of many women.
- 4) Women’s History Month is now commemorated throughout the nation by schools, historians, and community groups; and, provides an opportunity for schools and communities to focus attention on the historical role and accomplishments of the women of California and the United States, and for students, in particular, to benefit from an awareness of these contributions.

**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. 18**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Robert Rivas and Mathis  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Alanis, Connolly,  
Flora, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Soria, Villapudua, and Wood)**

March 1, 2023

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House Resolution No. 18—Relative to California Agriculture Day.

1 WHEREAS, March 21, 2023, 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 2023 is  
7 “Cultivating Community & Opportunity” in recognition of the  
8 essential role agriculture plays in producing a safe, abundant, and  
9 affordable food supply through the strength of an increasingly  
10 diverse and inclusive community; and

11 WHEREAS, For more than 60 consecutive years, California  
12 has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing  
13 more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for  
14 approximately 50 percent of the nation’s supply of fruits,  
15 vegetables, and nuts; and

16 WHEREAS, Farming and related industries employ more than  
17 21.6 million people, making up over 10 percent of employment in  
18 the United States; 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 165 people, compared to just 25 in 1960;  
4 and  
5 WHEREAS, Today’s agricultural industry offers over 200  
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 resulted in a drop in consumer  
10 spending on food products from 22 percent of average household  
11 disposable income in 1949 to 10 percent in 2021; and  
12 WHEREAS, California is the nation’s leader in agricultural  
13 exports, shipping \$20.8 billion in food and agricultural  
14 commodities around the world in 2020; and  
15 WHEREAS, California’s agricultural industry constantly seeks  
16 to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production  
17 and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing  
18 consumer needs and complex world markets; and  
19 WHEREAS, Science, technology, and innovation have enabled  
20 California agriculture to continually improve quality, safety, and  
21 consumer product choice, and drive advancements in organic  
22 production, reduced water use, and more sustainable pest  
23 management practices, including biological controls; and  
24 WHEREAS, California agriculture has provided strong  
25 leadership in the adoption of climate-smart practices to reduce  
26 methane and other greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy  
27 efficiency, save water, and scale up soil health practices to  
28 sequester carbon and other solutions to climate change; and  
29 WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are continually being  
30 developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices  
31 on the farm, in transit, and during processing; and  
32 WHEREAS, California consumers say that it is important to  
33 them to purchase food items grown in the state and they have  
34 demonstrated increased support of farmers’ markets,  
35 community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm to School  
36 programs; and  
37 WHEREAS, A broad approach to agricultural education is vital  
38 to ensuring that California agricultural farms and ranches continue  
39 to flourish; and

1 WHEREAS, California is estimated to lose 500,000 acres of  
2 agricultural land by 2050, and more than 300,000 acres of it will  
3 have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California  
4 should continue to work for conservation to preserve California's  
5 agricultural heritage; and

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

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
11 *Assembly recognizes and honors all those who work in California*  
12 *agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating*  
13 *Tuesday, March 21, 2023, as California Agriculture Day and by*  
14 *observing March 21, 2023, as National Agriculture Day; and be*  
15 *it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: March 9, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
James Ramos, Chair  
HR 18 (Robert Rivas) – As Introduced March 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** California Agriculture Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes and honors all those who work in California agriculture for their dedication and productivity by designating Tuesday, March 21, 2023, as California Agriculture Day and by observing March 21, 2023, as National Agriculture Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) March 21, 2023, 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 2023 is “Cultivating Community & Opportunity” in recognition of the essential role agriculture plays in producing a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply through the strength of an increasingly diverse and inclusive community.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Farming and related industries employ more than 21.6 million people, making up over 10 percent of employment in the United States.
- 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 \$20.8 billion of food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2020.
- 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

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CHAIR: MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
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March 2, 2023

James Ramos, Chair  
Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 8310  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Ramos:

I'm respectfully request Assembly Rules approval to add an urgency clause to Assembly Bill (AB) 412 (Soria). The urgency clause is needed to ensure the legislation is enacted in a timely manner to assist financially distressed hospitals seeking assistance under the bill. Madera Community Hospital in my district is the only facility offering emergency care services for residents in Madera County. The Hospital is now closed leaving residents of Madera County without emergency healthcare options. Efforts are underway to develop a plan to reopen the hospital including seeking sources of funding included in AB 412. For these reasons, I am seeking approval to add an urgency clause.

If you have any questions please contact Roy Sianez, at [roy.sianez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:roy.sianez@asm.ca.gov) or 916-319-2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esmeralda Soria".

**ESMERALDA SORIA**  
Assemblywoman, 27<sup>th</sup> District

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 412

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 412

Introduced by Assembly Member Soria

February 2, 2023



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~~An act to amend Section 275.2 of the Government Code, relating to public officers.~~ *An act to amend Section 15438 of, and to add and repeal Section 15438.11 of, the Government Code, relating to health facilities, and making an appropriation therefor.*

Amendment 1

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 412, as introduced, Soria. ~~Public officers; minors.~~ *Hospital Emergency Loan Program.*

*The California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act authorizes the California Health Facilities Financing Authority to, among other things, make loans from the continuously appropriated California Health Facilities Financing Authority Fund to participating health institutions, as defined, for financing or refinancing the acquisition, construction, or remodeling of health facilities.*

*This bill would create the Hospital Emergency Loan Program, until January 1, 2029, for the purpose of providing loans to prevent the closure of a hospital, as defined, or facilitate the reopening of a closed hospital, as defined. The bill would permit the authority to provide secured loans to certain hospitals at risk of closure, or governmental entities trying to facilitate the reopening of a hospital that meets specified criteria. The bill would require a hospital or a closed hospital to provide the authority with financial information, in a format determined by the authority, demonstrating the hospital's need for assistance due to financial hardship. The bill would specify that, in*



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*administering this loan program, the authority is exempt from rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. The bill would also exempt the authority from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act for guidelines made pursuant to its general authority to make loans from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Fund.*

*This bill would create the Hospital Emergency Loan Program Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, for use by the authority to administer the loan program. The bill would authorize the Treasurer to invest moneys in the fund that are not required for its current needs in eligible securities, and to transfer moneys in the fund to the Surplus Money Investment Fund for investment, as specified. By creating a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.*

~~Existing law requires a public officer who is a minor to have the rights and liabilities of an adult, both civil and criminal, with regard to that public officer's official duties, and a candidate for nomination or election to public office who is a minor to have the rights and liabilities of an adult, both civil and criminal, with regard to that candidate's activities as a candidate.~~

~~This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.~~

~~Vote: majority  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.~~

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

- + SECTION 1. Section 15438 of the Government Code is
- + amended to read:
- + 15438. The authority may do any of the following:
- + (a) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct
- + of its business.
- + (b) Adopt an official seal.
- + (c) Sue and be sued in its own name.
- + (d) Receive and accept from any agency of the United States,
- + any agency of the state, or any municipality, county, or other
- + political subdivision thereof, or from any individual, association,
- + or corporation gifts, grants, or donations of moneys for achieving
- + any of the purposes of this chapter.
- + (e) Engage the services of private consultants to render
- + professional and technical assistance and advice in carrying out
- + the purposes of this part.

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+ (f) Determine the location and character of any project to be  
+ financed under this part, and to acquire, construct, enlarge, remodel,  
+ renovate, alter, improve, furnish, equip, fund, finance, own,  
+ maintain, manage, repair, operate, lease as lessee or lessor, and  
+ regulate the same, to enter into contracts for any or all of those  
+ purposes, to enter into contracts for the management and operation  
+ of a project or other health facilities owned by the authority, and  
+ to designate a participating health institution as its agent to  
+ determine the location and character of a project undertaken by  
+ that participating health institution under this chapter and as the  
+ agent of the authority, to acquire, construct, enlarge, remodel,  
+ renovate, alter, improve, furnish, equip, own, maintain, manage,  
+ repair, operate, lease as lessee or lessor, and regulate the same,  
+ and as the agent of the authority, to enter into contracts for any or  
+ all of those purposes, including contracts for the management and  
+ operation of that project or other health facilities owned by the  
+ authority.

+ (g) Acquire, directly or by and through a participating health  
+ institution as its agent, by purchase solely from funds provided  
+ under the authority of this part, or by gift or devise, and to sell, by  
+ installment sale or otherwise, any lands, structures, real or personal  
+ property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other  
+ interests in lands, including lands lying under water and riparian  
+ rights, that are located within the state that the authority determines  
+ necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, or  
+ financing of a health facility or the acquisition, construction,  
+ financing, or operation of a project, upon the terms and at the prices  
+ considered by the authority to be reasonable and that can be agreed  
+ upon between the authority and the owner thereof, and to take title  
+ thereto in the name of the authority or in the name of a participating  
+ health institution as its agent.

+ (h) Receive and accept from any source loans, contributions,  
+ or grants for, or in aid of, the construction, financing, or refinancing  
+ of a project or any portion of a project in money, property, labor,  
+ or other things of value.

+ (i) Make secured or unsecured loans to, or purchase secured or  
+ unsecured loans of, any participating health institution in  
+ connection with the financing of a project or working capital in  
+ accordance with an agreement between the authority and the  
+ participating health institution. However, no loan to finance a

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+ project shall exceed the total cost of the project, as determined by  
+ the participating health institution and approved by the authority.  
+ Funds for secured loans may be provided from the California  
+ Health Facilities Financing Authority Fund pursuant to subdivision  
+ (b) of Section 15439 to small or rural health facilities pursuant to  
+ authority guidelines. *The authority may adopt guidelines to*  
+ *implement the loan programs authorized by this subdivision. Any*  
+ *such guidelines shall not be subject to the rulemaking provisions*  
+ *of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing*  
+ *with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2).*

+ (j) (1) Make secured or unsecured loans to, or purchase secured  
+ or unsecured loans of, any participating health institution in  
+ accordance with an agreement between the authority and the  
+ participating health institution to refinance indebtedness incurred  
+ by that participating health institution or a participating health  
+ institution that controls or manages, is controlled or managed by,  
+ is under common control or management with, or is affiliated with  
+ that participating health institution, in connection with projects  
+ undertaken or for health facilities acquired or for working capital.

+ (2) Make secured or unsecured loans to, or purchase secured or  
+ unsecured loans of, any participating health institution in  
+ accordance with an agreement between the authority and the  
+ participating health institution to refinance indebtedness incurred  
+ by that participating health institution or a participating health  
+ institution that controls or manages, is controlled or managed by,  
+ is under common control or management with, or is affiliated with  
+ that participating health institution, payable to the authority or  
+ assigned or pledged to authority issued bonds.

+ (3) Funds for secured loans may be provided from the California  
+ Health Facilities Financing Authority Fund pursuant to subdivision  
+ (b) of Section 15439 to small or rural health facilities pursuant to  
+ authority guidelines.

+ (4) *The authority may adopt guidelines to implement the loan*  
+ *programs authorized by this subdivision. Any such guidelines shall*  
+ *not be subject to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative*  
+ *Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of*  
+ *Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2).*

+ (k) Mortgage all or any portion of interest of the authority in a  
+ project or other health facilities and the property on which that  
+ project or other health facilities are located, whether owned or

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+ thereafter acquired, including the granting of a security interest in  
+ any property, tangible or intangible, and to assign or pledge all or  
+ any portion of the interests of the authority in mortgages, deeds  
+ of trust, indentures of mortgage or trust, or similar instruments,  
+ notes, and security interests in property, tangible or intangible, of  
+ participating health institutions to which the authority has made  
+ loans, and the revenues therefrom, including payments or income  
+ from any thereof owned or held by the authority, for the benefit  
+ of the holders of bonds issued to finance the project or health  
+ facilities or issued to refund or refinance outstanding indebtedness  
+ of participating health institutions as permitted by this part.

+ (l) Lease to a participating health institution the project being  
+ financed or other health facilities conveyed to the authority in  
+ connection with that financing, upon the terms and conditions the  
+ authority determines proper, charge and collect rents therefor,  
+ terminate the lease upon the failure of the lessee to comply with  
+ any of the obligations of the lease, and include in that lease, if  
+ desired, provisions granting the lessee options to renew the term  
+ of the lease for the period or periods and at the rent, as determined  
+ by the authority, purchase any or all of the health facilities or that  
+ upon payment of all of the indebtedness incurred by the authority  
+ for the financing of that project or health facilities or for refunding  
+ outstanding indebtedness of a participating health institution, then  
+ the authority may convey any or all of the project or the other  
+ health facilities to the lessee or lessees thereof with or without  
+ consideration.

+ (m) Charge and equitably apportion among participating health  
+ institutions, the administrative costs and expenses incurred by the  
+ authority in the exercise of the powers and duties conferred by this  
+ part.

+ (n) Obtain, or aid in obtaining, from any department or agency  
+ of the United States or of the state, any private company, or any  
+ insurance or guarantee as to, of, or for the payment or repayment  
+ of, interest or principal, or both, or any part thereof, on any loan,  
+ lease, or obligation, or any instrument evidencing or securing the  
+ loan, lease, or obligation, made or entered into pursuant to this  
+ part; and notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, to enter  
+ into any agreement, contract, or any other instrument whatsoever  
+ with respect to that insurance or guarantee, to accept payment in  
+ the manner and form as provided therein in the event of default

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- + by a participating health institution, and to assign that insurance
- + or guarantee as security for the authority’s bonds.
- + (o) Enter into any and all agreements or contracts, including
- + agreements for liquidity or credit enhancement, bond exchange
- + agreements, interest rate swaps or hedges, execute any and all
- + instruments, and do and perform any and all acts or things
- + necessary, convenient, or desirable for the purposes of the authority
- + or to carry out any power expressly granted by this part.
- + (p) Invest any moneys held in reserve or sinking funds or any
- + moneys not required for immediate use or disbursement, at the
- + discretion of the authority, in any obligations authorized by the
- + resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds secured thereof
- + or authorized by law for the investment of trust funds in the custody
- + of the Treasurer.
- + (q) Award grants to any eligible clinic pursuant to Section
- + 15438.6.
- + (r) Award grants to any eligible health facility pursuant to
- + Section 15438.7.
- + ~~(s) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, provide a~~
- + ~~working capital loan of up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to~~
- + ~~assist in the establishment and operation of the California Health~~
- + ~~Benefit Exchange (Exchange) established under Section 100500.~~
- + ~~The authority may require any information it deems necessary and~~
- + ~~prudent prior to providing a loan to the Exchange and may require~~
- + ~~any term, condition, security, or repayment provision it deems~~
- + ~~necessary in the event the authority chooses to provide a loan.~~
- + ~~Under no circumstances shall the authority be required to provide~~
- + ~~a loan to the Exchange.~~
- + ~~(2) Prior to the authority providing a loan to the Exchange, a~~
- + ~~majority of the board of the Exchange shall be appointed and shall~~
- + ~~demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the authority, that the federal~~
- + ~~planning and establishment grants made available to the Exchange~~
- + ~~by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services are~~
- + ~~insufficient or will not be released in a timely manner to allow the~~
- + ~~Exchange to meet the necessary requirements of the federal Patient~~
- + ~~Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148).~~
- + ~~(3) The Exchange shall repay a loan made under this subdivision~~
- + ~~no later than June 30, 2016, and shall pay interest at the rate paid~~
- + ~~on moneys in the Pooled Money Investment Account.~~
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- + (s) Award grants pursuant to Section 15438.10.
- + SEC. 2. Section 15438.11 is added to the Government Code,
- + to read:
- + 15438.11. (a) The authority shall establish the Hospital
- + Emergency Loan Program for the purpose of providing loans to
- + prevent the closure of a hospital, as defined in subdivision (b), or
- + facilitating the reopening of a closed hospital, as defined in
- + subdivision (c).
- + (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "hospital" means a general
- + acute care hospital, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d)
- + of Section 15432, that meets all of the following criteria, as of
- + January 1, 2023:
- + (1) It has fewer than 85 general acute care beds.
- + (2) It has a distinct part skilled nursing facility with fewer than
- + 130 beds.
- + (3) It has been determined by the authority to be at risk of
- + closure.
- + (c) For purposes of this subdivision, a closed hospital eligible
- + to be reopened includes both of the following:
- + (A) A general acute care hospital, as defined in paragraph (1)
- + of subdivision (d) of Section 15432 that has closed between January
- + 1, 2023, and March 1, 2023.
- + (B) A hospital, as defined in subdivision (b) that has closed
- + between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.
- + (d) The Hospital Emergency Loan Program Fund is hereby
- + created in the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of
- + the Government Code, all moneys in the fund are continuously
- + appropriated to the authority, without regard to fiscal year, for
- + the purposes of this section. All moneys accruing to the authority
- + pursuant to this section from any source shall be deposited into
- + the fund. The Treasurer may invest moneys in the fund that are
- + not required for its current needs in eligible securities specified
- + in Section 16430 of the Government Code, and may transfer
- + moneys in the fund to the Surplus Money Investment Fund for
- + investment pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 16470)
- + of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government
- + Code. Notwithstanding Section 16305.7 of the Government Code,
- + all interest or other increment resulting from the investment or
- + deposit of moneys from the fund shall be deposited in the fund.
- + Moneys in the fund shall not be subject to transfer to any other

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- + funds pursuant to any provision of Part 2 (commencing with
- + Section 16300) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
- + except to the Surplus Money Investment Fund.
- + (e) The authority shall only make secured loans from the
- + Hospital Emergency Loan Program Fund to a hospital, or to a
- + governmental entity representing a closed hospital, for purposes
- + of preventing the closure of, or facilitating the reopening of, those
- + hospitals.
- + (f) A hospital or a closed hospital shall provide the authority
- + with financial information, in a format determined by the authority,
- + demonstrating the hospital’s need for assistance due to financial
- + hardship.
- + (g) The authority may make deductions from the Hospital
- + Emergency Loan Program Fund to cover its own administrative
- + expenses. Administrative expenditures shall be limited to 5 percent
- + of the initial appropriation, plus 5 percent of all moneys
- + recaptured.
- + (h) In administering the loan program pursuant to this section,
- + the authority shall not be subject to the rulemaking provisions of
- + the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
- + Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2).
- + (i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2029,
- + and as of that date is repealed.

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1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 275.2 of the Government Code is~~  
2 ~~amended to read:~~  
3 ~~275.2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public~~  
4 ~~officer who is a minor shall have the rights and liabilities of an~~  
5 ~~adult, both civil and criminal, with regard to that public officer’s~~  
6 ~~official duties, and a candidate for nomination or election to public~~  
7 ~~office who is a minor shall have the rights and liabilities of an~~  
1 ~~adult, both civil and criminal, with regard to that candidate’s~~  
2 ~~activities as a candidate.~~

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