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Monday, March 23, 2015
Upon adjournment of Session
State Capitol, Room 3162

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 3/20/15
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals the recommendations for the following bills have changed:

AB 802
AB 1193
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AB 1371

The following measures have been added:

ACR 48
AJR 2



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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 15

**Introduced by Assembly Members Levine, Bloom, Linder, Medina,
Nazarian, and Thurmond**

(Principal coauthors: Senators Allen, Block, Hertzberg, Jackson, Leno,
Stone, and Wolk)

January 29, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to California
Holocaust Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 15, as introduced, Levine. California Holocaust Memorial
Week.

This measure would proclaim April 12 through April 19, 2015, as
California Holocaust Memorial Week and would urge Californians to
observe these days of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in
an appropriate manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the
2 world had never before witnessed; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 65 years have passed since the tragic
4 events we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which the
5 dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part
6 of a systematic program of genocide known as “The Final Solution
7 of the Jewish Question”; and

8 WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not
9 alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi
10 concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated,

1 state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political
2 annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and

3 WHEREAS, We must recognize the heroism of those who
4 provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including
5 the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided
6 comfort to those suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, We must teach our children, and future generations,
8 that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the
9 Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its
10 citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, We must always remind ourselves of the horrible
13 events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred,
14 persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and

15 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively
16 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual
17 freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and
18 democratic society; and

19 WHEREAS, Each person in California should set aside moments
20 of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who
21 lost their lives in the Holocaust; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Holocaust Memorial Council
23 has designated April 12 through April 19, 2015, as the Days of
24 Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the
25 International Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah,
26 which runs from the evening of April 15 until the evening of April
27 16, 2015; and

28 WHEREAS, According to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor
29 and nationally recognized scholar, “a memorial unresponsive to
30 the future would violate the memory of the past”; now, therefore,
31 be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 12 through
34 April 19, 2015, as “California Holocaust Memorial Week,” and
35 that Californians are urged to observe these days of remembrance
36 for victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner; and be it
37 further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
ACR 15 (Levine) – As Introduced January 29, 2015

SUBJECT: California Holocaust Memorial Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims April 12 through April 19, 2015, as California Holocaust Memorial Week and would urge Californians to observe these days of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in an appropriate manner. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More than 65 years have passed since the tragic events we now call the holocaust transpired, in which six million Jews and five million others were murdered as part of a carefully orchestrated, state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political annihilation under Nazi tyranny.
- 2) We must recognize the heroism of those who provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime and teach our children and future generations that acts of heroism during the Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity.
- 3) The United States Holocaust Memorial Council has designated April 12 through April 19, 2015, as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust; and we, the people of California, should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 17, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Dababneh

February 27, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 39—Relative to Financial Aid and Literacy Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 39, as amended, Dababneh. Financial Aid and Literacy Month.

This measure would declare the month of April 2015 as Financial Aid and Literacy Month, with the theme of ~~“Financial Wellness: A Family Affair,”~~ *“Prosperity Through Education,”* to raise public awareness about the continuing need for increased financial literacy.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The President’s Advisory Council on Financial
2 Capability urges the integration of personal finance into the
3 teaching of math and English language arts common core academic
4 content standards for K–12 education as well as other subjects;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, California law requires that financial education,
7 including budgeting, managing credit, student loans, consumer
8 debt, and identity theft security, is included in the next revision of
9 the social sciences, health, and mathematics curricula; and
10 WHEREAS, In Junior Achievement’s 2014 Teens and Personal
11 Finance Survey, 77 percent of male teens and 63 percent of female
12 teens 16 to 18 years of age said they do not keep track of their
13 money; and

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1 WHEREAS, Eighty-five percent of American parents believe
2 that financial education courses should be a requirement for high
3 school graduation and 52 percent of teenagers want to learn more
4 about budgeting, saving, and investing; and

5 WHEREAS, According to a poll by Northeastern University's
6 Innovation Imperative Initiative, more than 80 percent of students
7 16 to 19 years of age believe obtaining a college degree is
8 important to having a career, but 67 percent are worried they will
9 not be able to afford college; and

10 WHEREAS, In Sallie Mae's "How America Saves for College
11 2014," the proportion of families saving for college declined during
12 the recession from 62 percent in 2009 to 50 percent in 2013; and

13 WHEREAS, The total average savings for higher education is
14 \$15,346, which is up from \$11,781 in 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2014, student loan debt soared by more than 11
16 percent; and

17 WHEREAS, When it comes to where families put money, more
18 parents use a general savings account (45 percent in 2014,
19 compared with 42 percent in 2013) than any other method of
20 saving, ahead of a 529 plan (29 percent in 2014, compared with
21 27 percent in 2013) and a checking account (24 percent in 2014,
22 compared with 27 percent in 2013); and

23 WHEREAS, Only 40 percent of adults keep a budget and track
24 their spending, 75 percent of American families say they live
25 paycheck to paycheck, and more than 25 percent of American
26 families have no savings at all; and

27 WHEREAS, Statistics compiled by LearnVest and Chase
28 Blueprint show that for Americans 45 to 54 years of age, the
29 median saved for retirement is only \$101,000, and 38 percent of
30 adults are concerned about being able to retire on time; and

31 WHEREAS, Only 5 percent of adults say they were taught about
32 money by a teacher, and 40 percent would give themselves Cs,
33 Ds, or Fs on their grasp of personal finance concepts; and

34 WHEREAS, Twenty-five percent of adults do not think any
35 amount of debt is manageable, and 45 percent said that they could
36 only handle debt payments of \$100 a month; and

37 WHEREAS, Nearly 67 percent of adults are concerned about
38 being able to get a job, 60 percent expressed concern about having
39 enough money as adults, and nearly 33 percent said college costs

1 are “not worth it” and that the “costs will outweigh the benefits”;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Reserve, the total United
4 States outstanding consumer debt, including car and student loans
5 as well as revolving debt, was \$3.24 trillion as of July 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Collectively, American consumers owe \$11.52
7 trillion to lenders and creditors and the debt burden is continuing
8 to increase; and

9 WHEREAS, According to CreditCards.com, the average credit
10 card debt per American adult, excluding zero-balance cards and
11 store cards, is \$4,878.43; and

12 WHEREAS, The average interest rate paid on credit card
13 balances is over 13 percent annual percentage rate (APR); and

14 WHEREAS, Children as young as five years old have shown
15 an increase in depression and anxiety stemming from their parents’
16 unemployment and financial problems; and

17 WHEREAS, Children whose families endured financial
18 hardships during the children’s adolescence became parents earlier
19 than their peers and also treated their children more harshly; and

20 WHEREAS, According to T. Rowe Price’s 2014 Parents, Kids
21 & Money Survey, 69 percent of parents are “very/extremely”
22 concerned about setting a good financial example for their kids,
23 but 74 percent admit they are reluctant to approach the topic
24 because they do not want their kids to worry; and

25 WHEREAS, The State of California established the Bank on
26 California Program to raise awareness among unbanked consumers
27 about the benefits of account ownership and to spur Californians
28 to open accounts; and

29 WHEREAS, The Bank on California Program makes quality
30 money management education more easily available to low-income
31 Californians and raises statewide awareness of the unbanked
32 problem and potential solutions; and

33 WHEREAS, An estimated 7.8 percent of Californians are
34 unbanked and an additional 18 percent are considered underbanked;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, The average unbanked Californian pays \$1,000 a
37 year to cash paychecks; and

38 WHEREAS, Californians with bank accounts are more likely
39 to save, have higher credit scores, and get better-priced car and
40 home loans; and

1 *WHEREAS, Many employers, government agencies, schools,*
 2 *service groups, community organizations, libraries, financial*
 3 *institutions, and nonprofit entities, including, but not limited to,*
 4 *FDIC: Money Smart, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's*
 5 *Office of Financial Empowerment, the California Jump\$tart*
 6 *Coalition, the CalCPA Financial Literacy Committee, the New*
 7 *America Foundation, SparkPoint Centers, America Saves, the*
 8 *United Way Financial Literacy Program, Junior Achievement*
 9 *Finance Park, and the Girl Scouts of America, have created*
 10 *programs to help people improve their financial literacy skills;*
 11 *and*

12 *WHEREAS, Resolutions similar to this resolution have been*
 13 *introduced and passed with strong bipartisan support to increase*
 14 *awareness of the need for financial literacy for California citizens;*
 15 *now, therefore, be it*

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
 17 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares the month*
 18 *of April 2015 as Financial Aid and Literacy Month, with the theme*
 19 *of "~~Financial Wellness: A Family Affair,~~" "*Prosperity Through**
 20 *Education," to raise public awareness about the continuing need*
 21 *for increased financial literacy; and be it further*

22 *Resolved, That legislators, employers, government agencies,*
 23 *schools, service groups, community organizations, libraries,*
 24 *financial institutions, and ~~the media~~ other nonprofit entities should*
 25 *be encouraged to provide ~~opportunities for financial literacy~~*
 26 *education for all Californians through a variety of means to provide*
 27 *outreach and education; with the opportunity to obtain or improve*
 28 *their financial literacy skills; and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
ACR 39 (Dababneh) – As Amended March 17, 2015

SUBJECT: Financial Aid and Literacy Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of April 2015 as Financial Aid and Literacy Month, with the theme of "Prosperity Through Education," to raise public awareness about the continuing need for increased financial literacy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California law requires that financial education, including budgeting, managing credit, student loans, consumer debt, and identity theft security, is included in the next revision of the social sciences, health, and mathematics curricula.
- 2) A survey of teenagers found that 52 percent want to learn more about budgeting, saving, and investing and 85 percent of parents believe that financial education courses should be a requirement for high school graduation.
- 3) Only 5 percent of adults say they were taught about money by a teacher and 40 percent would give themselves Cs, Ds, or Fs on their grasp of personal finance concepts.
- 4) According to T. Rowe Price's 2014 Parents, Kids, and Money Survey, 69 percent of parents are "very/extremely" concerned about setting a good financial example for their kids, but 74 percent admit they are reluctant to approach the topic because they do not want their kids to worry.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California State Controller
California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA)

Opposition

None on file

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



BETTY T. YEE
California State Controller

March 11, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ACR 39 (Dababneh) Support/Sponsor

Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

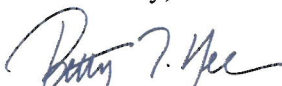
I am proud to sponsor ACR 39 (Dababneh), which proclaims April 2015 as Financial Aid & Literacy Month and embraces the theme of "Financial Wellness: A Family Affair."

At its most basic level, financial literacy is the ability to understand how money works in the world. As you know, while you and I may take this skill for granted, far too many people – especially young people – don't have the skills and knowledge to make effective decisions with all their financial resources. Financial literacy is more than just being able to balance a checkbook and live within a budget. It also includes skills like long-term vision and planning for the future, avoiding predatory lending or financial scams, and the discipline to use those skills every day.

Using the theme of "Financial Wellness: A Family Affair," ACR 39 highlights the importance of learning to manage money effectively, the difficulty many Americans face when it comes to saving money, and the impact debt can have on people's lives. Further, this resolution calls upon the state, private sector businesses, and community organizations to provide additional opportunities for all Californians who want to improve their financial literacy skills.

Thank you for your assistance in bringing attention to this important issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-2636 or my Deputy Controller for Legislative Affairs, Evan Goldberg, at (916) 327-1091 or egoldberg@sco.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


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March, 18, 2015

TO: The Assembly Rules Committee **(Support)**
FROM: Bruce C. Allen, Director of Government Relations
RE: **ACR 39 (Dababneh) – Financial Aid and Literacy Month**

On behalf of over 40,000 CPA members of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants, we are pleased to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 39 which would designate April 2015 as Financial Aid and Literacy Month. ACR 39 helps bring attention to this important issue.

CalCPA has been a proud supporter of resolutions similar to ACR 39 because we believe it is imperative that Californians increase their understanding of financial matters so that they may lead financially healthy and secure lives by having the tools necessary to understand the complexities of today's financial decisions.

Our CPA members are devoting hundreds of hours to making a difference in California by providing free financial education to thousands of Californians annually and we believe it is critically important to highlight the significance of financial literacy by declaring April 2015 Financial Aid and Literacy Month.

In addition, California Society of Certified Public Accountants is offering pro bono "Dollars and Sense" workshops in all legislative districts with local CPAs. These events provide financial education as well as the opportunity to communicate directly with constituents in your district on this important subject. To schedule a financial literacy workshop, please contact us at (916) 441-5351.

We urge you to support ACR 39 when it comes before you.

cc: The Honorable Matt Dababneh
Evan Goldberg, Deputy Controller, Legislative Affairs, State Controller's Office
Bruce Allen, Director of Government Relations, CalCPA

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 44

Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd

(Principal coauthor: Senator Wolk)

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Achadjian, Alejo, Bigelow, Cooper,
Eggman, Levine, Mullin, Olsen, Mark Stone, and Wood)**

(Coauthor: Senator McGuire)

March 10, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 44—Relative to California
Wines: Down to Earth Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 44, as introduced, Dodd. California Wines: Down to Earth
Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2015 as California
Wines: Down to Earth Month, to celebrate the sustainable leadership
of California wineries and winegrape growers throughout April.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Sustainability is a vital part of the long-term future
- 2 of California wine, which contributes an estimated \$61.5 billion
- 3 in annual economic impact to California's economy; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Wine Institute and the California Association
- 5 of Winegrape Growers created the California Code of Sustainable
- 6 Winegrowing more than a decade ago and it has since been used
- 7 by vineyards and wineries representing nearly three-quarters of
- 8 California's winegrape acreage and production to self-assess
- 9 operations; and

1 WHEREAS, The California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing,
2 now managed by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance,
3 is comprised of more than 200 best practices for vineyards and
4 wineries that benefit the environment, employees, neighbors, and
5 the production of high quality wine; and
6 WHEREAS, Wineries that produce more than half of California
7 wine are Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing, a
8 third-party certification option added in 2010; and
9 WHEREAS, Other state and regional sustainability programs,
10 such as Lodi Rules, Sustainability in Practice, Napa Green, Fish
11 Friendly Farming, and the Green Business Program, along with
12 regional sustainability commitments by Sonoma County, Santa
13 Barbara County, Lake County, and others, all play an important
14 role in the California wine communities’ efforts to grow grapes
15 and produce wine in a manner that is environmentally sound,
16 economically feasible, and socially equitable; and
17 WHEREAS, Growing participation in organic, biodynamic, and
18 sustainable certification programs further conveys California
19 vintners’ and growers’ adherence to high standards, desire for
20 transparency, and dedication to continuous improvement; and
21 WHEREAS, California’s wine community conserves water,
22 energy, and other natural resources; protects habitat, employee
23 well-being, and air, water, and soil quality; and promotes the use
24 of natural pest management and alternative energy and fuels; and
25 WHEREAS, California wineries and winegrape growers make
26 charitable contributions of \$101.5 million annually and generously
27 contribute their time and expertise to communities and nonprofit
28 organizations; and
29 WHEREAS, California’s 4,100 wineries and 5,900 winegrape
30 growers are primarily family businesses with a long-term
31 commitment to the health and vitality of their communities and to
32 preserving the land for future generations; and
33 WHEREAS, California growers’ and vintners’ commitment to
34 sustainability was recognized with a Governor’s Environmental
35 and Economic Leadership Award, for the third time, in 2015; and
36 WHEREAS, California wineries and regional associations host
37 Down to Earth and Earth Day activities such as eco-tours,
38 winemaker dinners pairing sustainably produced wine and food,
39 and other green activities during the month of April; now, therefore,
40 be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the month of*
3 *April 2015 as California Wines: Down to Earth Month, to celebrate*
4 *the sustainable leadership of California wineries and winegrape*
5 *growers throughout April; and be it further*
6 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
7 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
ACR 44 (Dodd) – As Introduced March 10, 2015

SUBJECT: California Wines: Down to Earth Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2015 as California Wines: Down to Earth Month, to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California wineries and winegrape growers throughout April. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Sustainability is a vital part of the long-term future of California wine, which contributes an estimated \$61.5 billion in annual economic impact to California's economy.
- 2) The Wine Institute and the California Association of Winegrape Growers created the California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing over a decade ago and it has since been used by vineyards and wineries representing nearly three-quarters of California's winegrape acreage and production to self-assess operations.
- 3) California's 4,100 wineries and 5,900 winegrape growers are primarily family businesses with a long-term commitment to the health and vitality of their communities and to preserving the land for future generations.
- 4) California's wine community conserves water, energy, and other natural resources; protects habitat, employee well-being, and air, water, and soil quality; and promotes the use of natural pest management and alternative energy and fuels.
- 5) California growers' and vintners' commitment to sustainability was recognized with a Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award, for the third time, in 2015 and these wineries and regional associations will host Down to Earth and Earth Day activities such as eco-tours, winemaker dinners pairing sustainably produced wine and food, and other green activities during the month of April.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

March 18, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 48, as introduced, Cooley. Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of March 2015 and each year thereafter as Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month, and would encourage public officials and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of, treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Each year, 2.5 million Americans sustain traumatic
2 brain injuries; and
3 WHEREAS, A traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in
4 roughly one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, Each year, 250,000 people in California sustain a
7 traumatic brain injury; and
8 WHEREAS, These injuries are largely the result of falls, motor
9 vehicle crashes, assaults, sporting-related injuries, or occupational
10 injuries; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 5.3 million Americans are living with
2 disabilities related to traumatic brain injury; and

3 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of
4 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for
5 members of the military and their families; and

6 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 3.8 million sports-
8 and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States
9 annually; and

10 WHEREAS, The Federal Traumatic Brain Injury
11 Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-196) has provided
12 new authority for the CDC to review brain injury management in
13 children, and to identify ongoing and potential opportunities for
14 research; and

15 WHEREAS, Research, treatment, and support help speed
16 recovery from a traumatic brain injury; and

17 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California offers
18 education and support to individuals with traumatic brain injury
19 and their families to help those individuals integrate into the
20 community and live as independently as possible; and

21 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of California has
22 designated March as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote
23 public awareness on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment,
24 and prevention of traumatic brain injury, and to remind people
25 with traumatic brain injuries and their families that they are not
26 alone; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
29 March 2015, and each year thereafter, as Brain Injury Awareness,
30 Treatment, and Prevention Month, and encourages public officials
31 and the citizens of California to observe the month with appropriate
32 activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of,
33 treatments for, and ways of preventing, traumatic brain injuries;
34 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
ACR 48 (Cooley) – As Introduced March 18, 2015

(As Proposed to Be Amended)

SUBJECT: Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of March 2015 and each year thereafter as Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Each year 2.5 million Americans sustain traumatic brain injuries and 250,000 of those sustaining these injuries live in California.
- 2) Traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor in roughly one-third of all injury-related deaths in the United States which are largely the result of falls, motor vehicle crashes, assaults, sporting-related injuries, or occupational injuries.
- 3) It is estimated that more than 5.3 million Americans are living with disabilities related to traumatic brain injury. Traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their family.
- 4) The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 3.8 million sports and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States annually. The Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-196) has provided new authority for the CDC to review brain injury management in children, and to identify ongoing and potential opportunities for research.
- 5) The Brain Injury Association of California offers education and support to individuals with traumatic brain injury and their families to help those individuals integrate into the community and live as independently as possible.

AS PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED: The author is proposing the following:

- (1) Making a technical change on page 2, by striking out lines 6 to 9, inclusive and reinserting them between lines 2 and 3.
- (2) Significant national attention has been drawn to this issue due to the prominence and visibility of scholarship that has identified repeated concussions and brain injury as leading to negative long-term health outcomes.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Brain Injury Association of California (BIACAL)

Opposition

None on file

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

March 20, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0008

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

On behalf of the Brain Injury Association of California (BIACAL), we thank you for considering the Resolution to designate March as Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment and Prevention Month in the State of California. We are excited about the potential for this designation to encourage individuals to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs to raise awareness about the symptoms of, treatments for, and ways of preventing brain injuries.

With more than 2.5 million Americans sustaining brain injuries each year, and 250,000 of those individuals living in California, it is important to raise the level of awareness of brain injuries, prevention and treatment and the Brain Injury Association of California is appreciative of your continued consideration of legislation that addresses these issues.

The Brain Injury Association of California urges your support of ACR 48. Thank you in advance for the consideration.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Kolakowsky-Hayner, PhD, CBIST
Chairman of the Board

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AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

Amendment 1

On page 2, between lines 2 and 3, insert:

WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 3.8 million sports- and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States annually; and

WHEREAS, Significant national attention has been drawn to this issue due to the prominence and visibility of scholarship that has identified repeated concussions and brain injury as leading to negative long-term health outcomes; and

Amendment 2

On page 2, strike out lines 6 to 9, inclusive

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House Resolution

No. 11

Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia

February 26, 2015

House Resolution No. 11—Relative to César Chávez.

1 WHEREAS, César Estrada Chávez recognized that for many
2 people, spanning many generations and many ethnicities, the path
3 to a better life frequently begins in the fields. For many
4 farmworkers, the American Dream means a life of self-sacrifice,
5 hard work, and perseverance; and

6 WHEREAS, César Chávez experienced the hardships and
7 injustices of farmworker life firsthand. He was born on March 31,
8 1927, in the North Gila River Valley in Arizona, on the small
9 family farm his grandfather homesteaded. César Chávez’s father
10 lost the farm during the Great Depression, forcing the family to
11 join some 30,000 farmworkers who followed the crops throughout
12 California and lived in tents and makeshift housing that often
13 lacked a bathroom, electricity, or running water; and

14 WHEREAS, César Chávez understood the value of education
15 as a path to a better life because he quit school after completing
16 the 8th grade to work full time, helping to support his family in
17 the fields. Later in life, César Chávez became self-educated through
18 his passion for reading; and

19 WHEREAS, Although later a pacifist, in 1946, César Chávez
20 enrolled and served his country in the United States Navy. He was
21 honorably discharged whereupon he married Helen Fabela and
22 eventually settled in the East San Jose barrio nicknamed “Sal Si

1 Puedes” (“Get Out if You Can”) to raise a family that eventually
2 numbered eight children; and

3 WHEREAS, In San Jose, César Chávez was introduced to the
4 social teachings of the Catholic Church and trained in peaceful
5 community organizing strategies and tactics. César Chávez and
6 Fred Ross, an organizer for the Community Service Organization
7 (CSO), established CSO chapters across California and Arizona
8 during the 1950s, helping Latinos register to vote, pushing for
9 basic public services and infrastructure in the barrios, peacefully
10 battling police brutality and racial discrimination, and creating the
11 most effective Latino civil rights group of its era; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1962, after failing to convince the CSO to let
13 him organize farmworkers, César Chávez resigned from the only
14 decent paying job he ever held and moved his wife and eight
15 children to Delano, California. There, with \$1,200 in life savings
16 that was soon gone, César Chávez, his family, and close friends
17 began building the National Farm Workers Association, which
18 later became the United Farm Workers of America (UFW); and

19 WHEREAS, In 1965, in a partnership with a union of Filipino
20 American farmworkers, César Chávez organized a major strike
21 against grape growers in California. The following year, César
22 Chávez led an unprecedented 340-mile march, from Delano to
23 Sacramento, that placed the farmworkers’ plight before the
24 conscience of the American people. Supporters carried slogans
25 with the words “HUELGA” (strike) and “VIVA LA CAUSA”
26 (long live our cause), advocating for improved compensation and
27 labor conditions. Later efforts resulted in the enactment of
28 California’s historic Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, the
29 first and still the only law in the nation to “encourage and protect”
30 the right of farmworkers to organize and bargain with their
31 employers; and

32 WHEREAS, Through countless strikes, boycotts, marches, and
33 fasts that produced many victories and some defeats, César Chávez,
34 who even considered vegetarianism an integral part of living
35 nonviolently, never stopped his peaceful battles on behalf of the
36 farmworkers with whom he shared his life. His dedication to his
37 work earned him the respect of some of our greatest political and
38 civil rights leaders, including Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther
39 King, Jr., and Jesse Jackson. César Chávez’s motto in life, “Sí Se

1 Puede!” or “Yes We Can!” has served as an inspiration not only
2 for Latinos, but for working Americans of all walks ~~for~~ of life; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1993, César Chávez died peacefully in his sleep
4 in San Luis, Arizona. Forty thousand people marched behind his
5 plain pine casket during funeral services in Delano to honor a man
6 ~~who never made more than \$5,000 a year, never owned a home,~~
7 ~~and left no money behind for his family~~ *this man*. They came to
8 affirm César Chávez’s words from his landmark 1984 address to
9 the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco: “Once social change
10 begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person
11 who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who
12 feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid
13 anymore”; and

14 WHEREAS, Although César Chávez was uncomfortable with
15 personal recognition in life, since his passing Chávez has been
16 honored in hundreds of communities. César Chávez was awarded
17 “El Aguila Azteca” (the Aztec Eagle), Mexico’s highest award
18 presented to people of Mexican heritage. In 1994, President Bill
19 Clinton posthumously presented César Chávez with America’s
20 highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2006,
21 California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger inducted César
22 Chávez into the first class of the California Hall of Fame. In 2011,
23 the United States Navy announced naming the latest Lewis and
24 Clark-class cargo ship being built in San Diego the USNS César
25 Chávez; and

26 WHEREAS, Since César Chávez’s passing, the UFW has
27 continued his work through organizing farmworkers and campaigns
28 to enact laws and regulations to bring dignity and protections to
29 farmworkers. Meanwhile, the César Chávez Foundation continues
30 improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of farmworkers and
31 other low-wage working families through 30 high-quality
32 affordable housing communities it has built or renovated and
33 manages in four states, a network of nine popular educational
34 Spanish-language radio stations in three states, after-school tutoring
35 for disadvantaged students in two states, and the National Chávez
36 Center, including a visitor center, memorial gardens, and
37 educational center on 187 acres in the Tehachapi Mountains where
38 César Chávez lived and worked, and is buried; and

39 WHEREAS, César Chávez successfully increased public
40 awareness of farmworker working conditions. To many

1 Californians the farmworkers' struggles are an issue from the past,
 2 a belief reflected by the fact that farmworker suffering typically
 3 takes place in remote areas far from cities, thereby rendering
 4 farmworkers invisible to our society. The fruits and vegetables
 5 that we enjoy in our daily lives are produced by farmworkers who
 6 often endure long hours of backbreaking work and still face
 7 challenges such as inadequate enforcement of pesticide, safety,
 8 and labor protection laws in the fields; and

9 WHEREAS, Farmworkers still dream of providing a better life
 10 for their children, but the reality of having to move from crop to
 11 crop makes this dream hard to achieve. ~~The downturn in today's~~
 12 ~~economy~~ *Economic forces* and the rising cost of living have pushed
 13 farmworkers further into poverty; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2000, the Legislature passed and Governor Gray
 15 Davis signed into law Senate Bill 984 (Chapter 213 of the Statutes
 16 of ~~2000~~, 2000) to create the first annual state holiday in the
 17 country on César Chávez's birthday, March 31. Under that law,
 18 the State Board of Education also created a statewide curriculum
 19 on Chávez and encourages schools across the state to engage
 20 teachers and students in service learning projects as a way of
 21 honoring the legendary farm labor and civil rights leader; now,
 22 therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
 24 Assembly calls upon all Californians to observe César Chávez's
 25 birthday, March 31, as a day of public service; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Assembly calls upon all Californians to
 27 recognize the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go
 28 through to feed all the families in our state; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Assembly calls upon all Californians to learn
 30 from César Chávez's life and his mission of nonviolence, social
 31 justice, and selfless service to others; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
 33 of this resolution to the Chávez family, particularly César Chávez's
 34 widow, Helen Chávez, the United Farm Workers of America, the
 35 César Chávez Foundation, and the author for appropriate
 36 distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
HR 11 (Eduardo Garcia) – As Amended March 19, 2015

SUBJECT: César Chávez.

SUMMARY: Recognizes March 31, as the anniversary of the birth of César Chávez, and calls upon all Californians to recognize the hard work and self-sacrifice that farmworkers go through to feed all the families in our state and to learn from César Chávez's life and his mission of nonviolence, social justice, and selfless service to others. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On March 31, 1927, César Estrada Chávez was born in the North Gila River Valley in Arizona on a small family farm his grandfather homesteaded.
- 2) As a farmworker, César Chávez experienced firsthand the injustice of working long hours with little pay. Under those conditions, Mr. Chávez began a long career in which he worked to improve the working and living conditions for farmworkers preaching nonviolence and fasting to call attention to the immigrant workers' cause.
- 3) Through countless strikes, boycotts, marches, and fasts that produced many victories and some defeats, César Chávez, who even considered vegetarianism an integral part of living nonviolently, never stopped his peaceful battles on behalf of the farmworkers with whom he shared his life.
- 4) César Chávez dedication to his work earned him the respect of some of our greatest political and civil rights leaders, including Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jesse Jackson. César Chávez's motto in life, "Si Se Puede!" or "Yes We Can!" has served as an inspiration not only for Latinos, but for working Americans of all walks of life.
- 5) In 2000, the Legislature enacted SB 984 (Chapter 213, Statutes of 2000) to create an annual state holiday on César Chávez's birthday, March 31; and, as provided in the bill, the State Board of Education adopted a model curriculum on the life and work of César Chávez which includes topics on pesticides, immigration, and agriculture's role in the economy.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 14

Introduced by ~~Senator Fuller~~ *Senators Fuller and Allen*

January 27, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to arts education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 14, as amended, Fuller. Arts Education Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2015 to be Arts Education Month and would encourage all elected officials to participate with their educational communities in celebrating the arts.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Arts education, which includes dance, music,
2 theatre, and the visual arts, is an essential and integral part of basic
3 education for all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades
4 1 to 12, inclusive; and

5 WHEREAS, The arts are crucial to achieving a state educational
6 policy that is devoted to the teaching of basic academic skills and
7 lifelong learning capacities with the goal of truly preparing all
8 children for success after high school regardless of gender, age,
9 economic status, physical ability, or learning ability; and

10 WHEREAS, A systematic, substantive, and sequential visual
11 and performing arts curriculum addresses and develops ways of
12 thinking, questioning, expression, and learning that complement
13 learning in other core subjects, but that is unique in what it has to
14 offer; and

15 WHEREAS, Pupils benefit from arts learning in the areas of
16 cultural understanding, readiness for learning and creative thinking,

1 cognitive outcomes, emotional intelligence and expression, social
2 interaction and collaboration, and preparation for the workplace
3 and lifelong learning; and

4 WHEREAS, Arts education in California is mandated for pupils
5 in grades 1 to 12, inclusive, by Sections 51210 and 51220 of the
6 Education Code, which provide, in part, “[t]he adopted course of
7 study ... shall include instruction ... in ... [v]isual and performing
8 arts, including instruction in the subjects of dance, music, theatre,
9 and visual arts, aimed at the development of aesthetic appreciation
10 and the skills of creative expression”; and

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

17 ~~WHEREAS, In 2006 the Legislature passed and former~~
18 ~~Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law a landmark investment~~
19 ~~in music and arts education programs, including a block grant of~~
20 ~~\$105,000,000 to support standards-aligned instruction in~~
21 ~~kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive; and~~

22 ~~WHEREAS, In 2006 the Legislature also passed and former~~
23 ~~Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law an additional~~
24 ~~\$500,000,000 to be distributed on a one-time basis for the purchase~~
25 ~~of visual and performing arts and physical education professional~~
26 ~~development supplies and equipment; and~~

27 ~~WHEREAS, In 2007, this ongoing investment in arts education~~
28 ~~plus a cost of living increase was passed by the Legislature and~~
29 ~~signed into law by former Governor Schwarzenegger; and~~

30 *WHEREAS, Throughout the last 10 years, arts education*
31 *programs have enjoyed significant investments by the State of*
32 *California and continue to see support by the Legislature; and*

33 WHEREAS, It is the intent that this funding help implement a
34 comprehensive vision for arts education at the local level, to ensure
35 that every pupil in California benefits from this investment; and

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

38 WHEREAS, Many national and state professional arts education
39 associations hold celebrations in the month of March, giving
40 California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of

1 the arts for all pupils, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to
2 give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, and to
3 enhance public support for this essential part of the curriculum;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
7 proclaims the month of March 2015 as Arts Education Month and
8 encourages all elected officials to participate with their educational
9 communities in celebrating the arts with meaningful activities and
10 programs for pupils, teachers, and the public that demonstrate
11 learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts, and
12 urges all residents to become interested in and give full support to
13 quality school arts programs for children and youth; and be it
14 further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 14 (Fuller) – As Amended February 18, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 32-0

SUBJECT: Arts Education Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims March 2015 to be Arts Education Month and encourages all elected officials to participate with their educational communities in celebrating the arts. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Arts education, which includes dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts, is an essential and integral part of basic education for all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.
- 2) Pupils benefit from arts learning in the areas of cultural understanding, readiness for learning and creative thinking, cognitive outcomes, emotional intelligence and expression, social interaction and collaboration, and preparation for the workplace and lifelong learning.
- 3) The arts are crucial to achieving a state educational policy that is devoted to the teaching of basic academic skills and lifelong learning capacities with the goal of truly preparing all children for success after high school regardless of gender, age, economic status, physical ability, or learning ability.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 16

Introduced by Senator Block

(Coauthors: Senators *Allen, Anderson, Bates, Fuller, Hall, Hertzberg, Huff, Leno, and Monning, Nielsen, Vidak, Wieckowski, and Wolk*)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members *Travis Allen, Baker, Brough, Calderon, Chang, Chávez, Chu, and Dodd, Harper, Lackey, Waldron, and Wood*)

February 2, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16—Relative to Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 16, as amended, Block. Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of March 2, 2015, through March 8, 2015, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The week of March 2, 2015, through March 8,
2 2015, has been declared Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in
3 recognition of the importance of finding the cause of, and a cure
4 for, multiple sclerosis and to express appreciation to the National
5 Multiple Sclerosis Society and its California chapters; and

6 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
7 central nervous system that affects an estimated 400,000 Americans
8 across the country, and nearly 200 new cases are diagnosed each
9 week nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 40,000 people in California are affected
11 by this devastating disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Twice as many women as men have multiple
 2 sclerosis and most are diagnosed between ~~the ages of 20 and 50,~~
 3 *50 years of age, inclusive*, and while studies indicate genetic factors
 4 make certain individuals more susceptible than others, there is no
 5 evidence that multiple sclerosis is directly inherited; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, founded
 7 in 1946, funds more research, offers more services for people with
 8 multiple sclerosis, and provides more professional education
 9 programs than any other multiple sclerosis organization in the
 10 world. Through its 50-state network of chapters, the society serves
 11 more than one million people annually; and

12 WHEREAS, The society is the largest private supporter of
 13 multiple sclerosis research in the world, and for more than 55 years
 14 it has funded innovative research and advocated for government
 15 support of important scientific inquiries; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the California chapters of
 17 the society have been committed to heightening public knowledge
 18 and insight, and are currently planning several major statewide
 19 educational programs to raise awareness about the effects of
 20 multiple sclerosis; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
 22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the week of
 23 March 2, 2015, through March 8, 2015, as Multiple Sclerosis
 24 Awareness Week, and that the residents of the State of California
 25 are encouraged to join together in raising awareness and
 26 heightening public knowledge of this debilitating disease; and be
 27 it further

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

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Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 16 (Block) – As Amended March 19, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 32-0

SUBJECT: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

SUMMARY: Declares the week of March 2, 2015 through March 8, 2015, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week and encourages California residents to join together in raising awareness and heightening public knowledge of this debilitating disease. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following findings:

- 1) Multiple Sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system that affects an estimated 400,000 Americans across the county; and, nearly 200 new cases are diagnosed each week nationwide.
- 2) Twice as many women as men have multiple sclerosis; and, most are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50 years of age.
- 3) The California chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society report that more than 40,000 people in California are affected by this devastating disease.
- 4) The National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, founded in 1946, funds more research, offers more services for people with the disease, and provides more professional education programs than any other multiple sclerosis organization; and through its home office in New York and its 50-state network of chapters the society serves more than one million people annually.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

Introduced by Senator Nguyen

February 23, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 19, as introduced, Nguyen. Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Day.

This measure would proclaim February 28, 2015, as Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Day in coordination with Rare Disease Day in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, There are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions
- 2 that are considered rare and Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is one
- 3 of those diseases; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is a serious disorder
- 5 causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis progresses quickly,
- 7 often causing disability or death within a few short years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In many cases there is no identified cause of
- 9 Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Approximately 132,000 people in the United States
- 11 are estimated to have Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis may be 5 to 10
- 13 times more prevalent than previously thought because Idiopathic
- 14 Pulmonary Fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under diagnosed;
- 15 and

1 WHEREAS, There is a need to increase awareness and detection
2 of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis by expanding education and
3 promoting access to quality care and services for this disease; and
4 WHEREAS, February 28, 2015, is Rare Disease Day in
5 California; now, therefore, be it
6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims February
8 28, 2015, as Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Day; and
9 be it further
10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: March 23, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 19 (Nguyen) – As Introduced February 23, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims February 28, 2015 as Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is one of the nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions that are considered rare. It is a serious disorder causing progressive, incurable lung disease.
- 2) Approximately 132,000 people in the United States are estimated to have Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and it may be 5 to 10 times more prevalent than previously thought because Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under diagnosed.
- 3) There is a need to increase awareness and detection of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis by expanding education and promoting access to quality care and services for this disease.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 304

Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez

February 12, 2015

An act to amend Section 233 of the Labor Code, relating to employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 304, as introduced, Gonzalez. Sick leave.

Existing law requires an employer who provides sick leave to employees, as specified, to allow the employees to use the sick leave to attend to the illness of a child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 233 of the Labor Code is amended to
2 read:
3 233. (a) Any employer who provides sick leave for employees
4 shall permit an employee to ~~use~~ *use*, in any calendar ~~year~~ *year*, the
5 employee's accrued and available sick leave entitlement, in an
6 amount not less than the sick leave that would be accrued during
7 six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement, to
8 attend to an illness of a child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner
9 of the employee. All conditions and restrictions placed by the
10 employer upon the use by an employee of sick leave also shall
11 apply to the use by an employee of sick leave to attend to an illness

1 of his or her child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner. This section
 2 does not extend the maximum period of leave to which an
 3 employee is entitled under Section 12945.2 of the Government
 4 Code or under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993
 5 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2606 et seq.), regardless of whether the employee
 6 receives sick leave compensation during that leave.

7 (b) As used in this section:

8 (1) “Child” means a biological, foster, or adopted child, a
 9 stepchild, a legal ward, a child of a domestic partner, or a child of
 10 a person standing in loco parentis.

11 (2) “Employer” means ~~any~~ a person employing another under
 12 ~~any~~ an appointment or contract of hire and includes the state,
 13 political subdivisions of the state, and municipalities.

14 (3) “Parent” means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a
 15 stepparent, or a legal guardian.

16 (4) “Sick leave” means accrued increments of compensated
 17 leave provided by an employer to an employee as a benefit of the
 18 employment for use by the employee during an absence from the
 19 employment for any of the following reasons:

20 (A) The employee is physically or mentally unable to perform
 21 his or her duties due to illness, injury, or a medical condition of
 22 the employee.

23 (B) The absence is for the purpose of obtaining professional
 24 diagnosis or treatment for a medical condition of the employee.

25 (C) The absence is for other medical reasons of the employee,
 26 such as pregnancy or obtaining a physical examination.

27 “Sick leave” does not include any benefit provided under an
 28 employee welfare benefit plan subject to the federal Employee
 29 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-406, as
 30 amended) and does not include any insurance benefit, workers’
 31 compensation benefit, unemployment compensation disability
 32 benefit, or benefit not payable from the employer’s general assets.

33 (c) No employer shall deny an employee the right to use sick
 34 leave or discharge, threaten to discharge, demote, suspend, or in
 35 any manner discriminate against an employee for using, or
 36 attempting to exercise the right to use, sick leave to attend to an
 37 illness of a child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner of the
 38 employee.

1 (d) ~~Any~~ An employee aggrieved by a violation of this section
2 shall be entitled to reinstatement and actual damages or one day's
3 pay, whichever is greater, and to appropriate equitable relief.

4 (e) Upon the filing of a complaint by an employee, the Labor
5 Commissioner shall enforce ~~the provisions of~~ this section in
6 accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 (commencing with
7 Section 79) of Division 1, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ Sections
8 92, 96.7, 98, and 98.1 to 98.8, inclusive. Alternatively, an employee
9 may bring a civil action for the remedies provided by this section
10 in a court of competent jurisdiction. If the employee prevails, the
11 court may award reasonable attorney's fees.

12 (f) The rights and remedies specified in this section are
13 cumulative and nonexclusive and are in addition to any other rights
14 or remedies afforded by contract or under other provisions of law.

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March 19, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Urgency Clause for AB 304

Dear Assemblymember Gordon,

Last year, Governor Brown signed AB 1522 (Gonzalez, 2014), the *Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014*. The passage of this bill granted more than 6.5 million workers the right to accrue three paid sick days a year. As such, California workers will begin to accrue this paid sick time beginning July 1, 2015.

In an effort to clarify provisions of this bill and ensure the smooth implementation of the Act, I've introduced AB 304. Among other things, this bill proposes language to resolve issues that have arisen with the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2012 (AB 340, Furutani), define the parameters of alternative accrual methods, and much more.

Due to the fact that this bill will begin affecting California's employees and employers before the end of this legislative year, I respectfully ask permission to add an urgency clause to AB 304 pursuant to Joint Rule 58. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my staff at 916-319-2080 or John.delosAngeles@asm.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lorena", written over a faint circular stamp.

LORENA GONZALEZ
Assemblymember
80th Assembly District



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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 507

**Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Gray)**

February 23, 2015

An act to amend Section 106 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the Department of Consumer Affairs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 507, as introduced, Olsen. Department of Consumer Affairs.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law authorizes the Governor to remove from office any member of any board within the department appointed by him or her for, among other things, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 106 of the Business and Professions Code
2 is amended to read:
3 106. The Governor has power to remove from office at any
4 time, any member of any board appointed by him *or her* for
5 continued neglect of duties required by law, ~~or~~ for incompetence,
6 or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct. ~~Nothing in this~~ *This*
7 section shall *not* be construed as a limitation or restriction on the

- 1 power of the Governor, conferred on him *or her* by any other
- 2 ~~provision~~ of law, to remove any member of any board.

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March 16, 2015

Assemblymember Richard Gordon
Rules Chairman
State Capitol, Room 3016

Dear Chairman Gordon,

I respectfully request AB 507 to be added to the Rules Committee Agenda to ask for an urgency clause.

A recent report by the State Auditor on the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) implementation of BreEZe recommended the Legislature require the Department of Consumer Affairs to submit an annual report to the Legislature beginning on October 1, 2015. Without an urgency clause, this deadline will not be possible.

Should you have any questions about the merit of this urgency request, please do not hesitate to contact my Communications Director, Allison Wescott at 916-319-2012.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Olsen".

Kristin Olsen
Assembly Republican Leader
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