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Thursday, May 14, 2015
8:50 AM
State Capitol, Room 3162

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SB 175	P. & C.P.
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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 5/13/15
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals, SB 422 has been removed.



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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 64

Introduced by Assembly Member Santiago

May 5, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 64—Relative to Asthma Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 64, as introduced, Santiago. Asthma Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2015 as Asthma Awareness Month in order to increase awareness and understanding about asthma and educate those with the disease on the treatments available and the methods of preventing attacks.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Approximately five million Californians have been
2 diagnosed with asthma at some point in their lives, and almost
3 three million currently have asthma; and

4 WHEREAS, Asthma is responsible for approximately 400
5 deaths, 35,000 hospital discharges, and 180,000 emergency
6 department visits annually in California; and

7 WHEREAS, Lifetime and current asthma prevalence is highest
8 among children 5 to 17 years of age and about 30 percent higher
9 than among adults; and

10 WHEREAS, Asthma prevalence is higher among African
11 Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Puerto Ricans,
12 European Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos; and

13 WHEREAS, Although people of all incomes have similar asthma
14 prevalence, people with lower incomes have more poorly controlled

1 asthma and higher rates of emergency department visits and
2 hospitalizations; and

3 WHEREAS, Asthma results in an estimated 11.8 million days
4 of work or usual activities missed per year among adults and 1.2
5 million days of school or day care missed per year among children;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, An estimated 19.4 percent of adults and 4.7 percent
8 of children with current asthma were uninsured at some point in
9 the past year; and

10 WHEREAS, Total charges for asthma hospitalizations in 2010
11 were over \$1 billion, and intervention to prevent repeat
12 hospitalizations could have saved \$156 million in these medical
13 costs; and

14 WHEREAS, It is important that every person with asthma be
15 diagnosed, receive appropriate treatment, learn how to manage his
16 or her asthma, and reduce exposure to environmental factors that
17 make his or her asthma worse; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
20 month of May 2015 as Asthma Awareness Month in order to
21 increase awareness and understanding about asthma and educate
22 those with the disease on the treatments available and the methods
23 of preventing attacks; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: May 14, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
ACR 64 (Santiago) – As Introduced May 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Asthma Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of May 2015 as Asthma Awareness Month in order to increase awareness and understanding about asthma and educate those with the disease on the treatments available and the methods of preventing attacks. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Approximately five million Californians have been diagnosed with asthma at some point in their lives, and almost three million currently have asthma.
- 2) Asthma is responsible for approximately 400 deaths, 35,000 hospital discharges, and 180,000 emergency department visits annually in California.
- 3) Lifetime and current asthma prevalence is highest among children 5 to 17 years of age and about 30 percent higher than among adults; and asthma prevalence is higher among African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Puerto Ricans, European Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos.
- 4) Total charges for asthma hospitalizations in 2010 were over \$1 billion, and intervention to prevent repeat hospitalizations could have saved \$156 million in these medical costs.
- 5) It is important that every person with asthma be diagnosed, receive appropriate treatment, learn how to manage his or her asthma, and reduce exposure to environmental factors that make his or her asthma worse.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County
Breathe California of Los Angeles County

Opposition

None on file

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Assemblymember Richard Gordon
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee

RE: Support for ACR 64 (Santiago)

Dear Assemblymember Gordon,

The Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County (ACLAC) enthusiastically supports your ACR 64, providing a resolution designating May 2015 as Asthma Awareness Month.

Asthma affects 3 million Californians and is responsible for approximately 400 deaths and 180,000 emergency department visits annually in the state. In Los Angeles County, approximately 9% of children have asthma, and it significantly affects minority children. According to the 2011 Los Angeles County Health Survey, African-American children report over three times the rate of asthma (24.9%) when compared to Latinos (8%), whites (7.2%), and Asian/Pacific islanders (4.1%).

Aside from genetics, poverty is a primary risk factor for asthma given that children living in poorly maintained, low-income housing are more likely to encounter asthma triggers, such as cockroaches, rodents, mildew/mold and chemicals inside the home, and to face outdoor air pollution due to living in close proximity to freeways and toxic hotspots. Exposure to pets and tobacco smoke can also cause or exacerbate asthma symptoms.

The good news is with proper knowledge and education individuals can learn to manage their asthma, and once well-controlled, are able to participate in the same activities, including physical activities, as those without this condition. ACR 64 will help to increase this awareness and understanding about asthma.

For these reasons, the Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County is pleased to support ACR 64.

Sincerely,

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RE: Support for ACR 64 (Santiago)

Dear Assemblymember Santiago,

BREATHE California of Los Angeles County supports your ACR 64. This resolution designates May 2015 as Asthma Awareness Month.

Asthma affects 3 million Californians and is responsible for approximately 400 deaths and 180,000 emergency department visits annually in the state. Prevalence is highest among children ages 5 to 17, and the disease also disproportionately affects various populations such as African Americans and Pacific Islanders. Furthermore, those with lower incomes have more poorly controlled asthma and higher rates of emergency department visits and hospitalizations. As such, it is important that every person with asthma be diagnosed, receive appropriate treatment, learn how to manage his or her asthma, and reduce exposure to environmental factors that make his or her asthma worse.

ACR 64 will increase awareness and understanding about asthma.

Our mission is promoting clean air and healthy lungs through research, education, advocacy and technology. ACR 64 will support our efforts with Los Angeles County residents that suffer from asthma.

For these reasons, BREATHE California of Los Angeles County is pleased to support ACR 64.

Sincerely,

Enrique Chiock
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