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Thursday, July 02, 2015
8:50 AM
State Capitol, Room 3162

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 7/1/2015
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

07/02/2015

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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No.

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[*SB 295](#)

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Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 7/1/2015
Re: Consent Bill Re-referrals

Since you received the preliminary list of bill re-referrals, there have been no changes.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 25, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 85

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

June 10, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to medically fragile foster care ~~children~~; *children and adoptive placement children*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 85, as amended, Gordon. Medically fragile foster care ~~children~~; *children and adoptive placement children*.

This measure would designate November 2015 as a month to raise awareness about the issue of medically fragile foster care *children and adoptive placement* children and the actions that every Californian can take to make a positive difference in these children's lives.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Over 60,000 California children are currently in
2 the foster care system; and
3 WHEREAS, A certain subset of the foster care population are
4 medically fragile children, who are children with physical or
5 intellectual disabilities or both that require an increased level of
6 care and support; and
7 WHEREAS, The number of foster care ~~children placements~~;
8 ~~both short term and long term~~; *and adoptive placements* currently
9 far exceeds the availability of foster care *and adoptive* parents,
10 making it a challenge to provide foster care *and adoptive placement*
11 homes for all who need them, and this shortage has reached crisis
12 proportions in some parts of the state; and

1 WHEREAS, It is particularly difficult to place medically fragile
2 foster care children *and adoptive placement children* due to the
3 increased level of care they need; and

4 WHEREAS, Every child deserves the opportunity to achieve
5 his or her fullest potential in a safe, stable, and loving environment;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, There are California families who are stepping up
8 to make a difference for medically fragile foster care children by
9 opening their hearts, homes, and lives, but many more are needed;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, If greater awareness is raised about this vulnerable
12 foster care population and the ways that ordinary Californians can
13 make a difference, this crisis will begin to be averted; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares November 2015
17 as a month to raise awareness about the issue of medically fragile
18 foster care children *and adoptive placement children* and the
19 actions that every Californian can take to make a positive difference
20 in these children's lives; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: July 2, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
ACR 85 (Gordon) – As Amended June 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Medically fragile foster care children and adoptive placement children.

SUMMARY: Designates November 2015 as a month to raise awareness about the issue of medically fragile foster care children and adoptive placement children and the actions that every Californian can take to make a positive difference in these children's lives. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California has over 60,000 children in the foster care system; and a certain subset of the foster care population is medically fragile children, who have physical or intellectual disabilities or both that require an increased level of care and support.
- 2) The number of foster care and adoptive placements, both short and long term, currently exceeds the availability of foster care and adoptive parents, making it a challenge to provide foster care and adoptive placement homes for all who need them, and this shortage has reached crisis proportions in some parts of the state.
- 3) It is especially difficult to place medically fragile foster care and adoptive placement children due to the increased level of care they need. Every child deserves the opportunity to achieve his or her fullest potential in a safe, stable, and loving environment.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Adopt International & Domestic Services
Alliance for Children's Rights
Families NOW
Lilliput
Sierra Forever Families
Stanford Youth Solutions
Yolo County's Foster and Kinship Parent Education and Recruitment, Retention Program

Opposition

None on file

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



International & Domestic Services

Lynne Silver, Executive Director

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June 11, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon

State Capitol, Room 3013

Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax: (916) 319-2124

Re: Resolution Recognizing Medically Fragile Foster Care and Adoptive Placement Children – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

Adopt International is a private nonprofit agency licensed by the State of California since 1983. We provide both domestic and international adoption placement services. We are pleased to support your Resolution recognizing the need for families for medically fragile California children in foster care and adoptive families.

These vulnerable medically fragile children, because of their physical and/or intellectual disabilities, face challenges greater than the typical child in foster care. In spite of the fact that our field has many stories of wonderful families who have stepped forward to foster and/or adopt such children, there is a severe ongoing shortage of qualified and willing families to provide them nurturing enhanced care as foster or permanent adoptive homes. These children are no less deserving of a safe home, a loving family and the opportunity to achieve their full measure of happiness.

This resolution will raise awareness about this special population of California children, and will help spark a conversation about what all Californians can do to make a difference.

As such, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and are pleased to be in support. For questions or more information please don't hesitate to contact me at lisa@adoptdomestic.org or 415-934-0300.

Sincerely,

Lisa Clark, MSW, ACSW

Executive Director



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June 26th, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ACR 85 - Medically Fragile Foster Care and Adoptive Placement Children – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

The Alliance for Children's Rights is pleased to support your ACR 85 recognizing the needs of medically fragile foster care and adoptive placement children in California.

Medically fragile foster care and adoptive placement children are children who, because of their physical and/or intellectual disabilities, face even greater challenges than the typical foster care and/or adoptive placement child. There is currently a severe shortage of willing foster care and adoptive placement homes for children with enhanced care requirements. Yet these children are no less deserving of a safe home, a loving family and the opportunity to achieve their full measure of happiness.

The Alliance for Children's Rights is the leading legal services organization in Los Angeles dedicated solely to protecting impoverished and abused children. Our organization sees these children with enhanced care requirements almost daily and the challenge in finding them proper homes is real. We believe that this resolution will raise awareness about this special population of California children, and will help spark a conversation about what the reforms needed to bolster supports and ensure *all* of our families can access the resources, support and services necessary to provide a safe, stable and nurturing home to these vulnerable young people.

We thank you for your leadership on this issue and are pleased to provide our support. For questions or more information, please contact me at a.schwartz@kids-alliance.org.

Sincerely,

Angie Schwartz, Policy Director

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We open doors to permanent families for children in foster care

June 6, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon
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Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 319-2124

Re: Resolution Recognizing Medically Fragile Foster Care and Adoptive Placement Children – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

Families NOW is an independent advocacy organization focusing on improving permanency outcomes for children in, or at risk for foster care. We are pleased to support your Resolution recognizing the need for families for medically fragile California children in foster care and adoptive families.

These vulnerable medically fragile children, because of their physical and/or intellectual disabilities, face challenges greater than the typical child in foster care. In spite of the fact that our field has many stories of wonderful families who have stepped forward to foster and/or adopt such children, there is a severe ongoing shortage of qualified and willing families to provide them nurturing enhanced care as foster or permanent adoptive homes. These children are no less deserving of a safe home, a loving family and the opportunity to achieve their full measure of happiness.

This resolution will raise awareness about this special population of California children, and will help spark a conversation about what all Californians can do to make a difference.

As such, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and are pleased to be in support. For questions or more information about our organization, please contact me at 530-477-2900 (gail@familiesNOW.org).

Sincerely,

Gail Johnson Vaughan
Executive Director

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June 10, 2015
The Honorable Richard Gordon
State Capitol, Room 3013
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Fax: (916) 319-2124

Re: Resolution Recognizing Medically Fragile Foster Care and Adoptive Placement Children – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

Founded in 1980, Lilliput Children's Services' (Lilliput) mission is to ensure a child's opportunity to be part of a safe, nurturing, lifelong family. Lilliput is a licensed foster family agency with a statewide adoption license. Lilliput has completed over 6,200 foster adoptions. Lilliput does medically fragile adoptions and we have witnessed the incredible positive impact adoption has had on the lives of children with significant medical needs. Lilliput proudly provides services throughout California with eleven sites throughout northern California. We are pleased to support your Resolution recognizing the need for families for medically fragile California children in foster care and adoptive families.

These vulnerable medically fragile children, because of their physical and/or intellectual disabilities, face challenges greater than the typical child in foster care. In spite of the fact that our field has many stories of wonderful families who have stepped forward to foster and/or adopt such children, there is a severe ongoing shortage of qualified and willing families to provide them nurturing enhanced care as foster or permanent adoptive homes. These children are no less deserving of a safe home, a loving family and the opportunity to achieve their full measure of happiness.

This resolution will raise awareness about this special population of California children, and will help spark a conversation about what all Californians can do to make a difference.

As such, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and are pleased to be in support. For questions or more information about our organization, Karen E. Alvord at (916) 923-5444 or k Alvord@lilliput.org.

Sincerely,



Karen E. Alvord, LCSW
Chief Executive Officer



June 11, 2015
The Honorable Richard Gordon
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Resolution Recognizing Medically Fragile Foster Care and Adoptive Placement Children – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

Sierra Forever Families is pleased to support your Resolution recognizing the needs of medically fragile foster care and adoptive placement children in California.

Medically fragile foster care and adoptive placement children are children who, because of their physical and/or intellectual disabilities, face even greater challenges than the typical foster care and/or adoptive placement child. There is currently a severe shortage of willing foster care and adoptive placement homes for children with enhanced care requirements. Yet these children are no less deserving of a safe home, a loving family and the opportunity to achieve their full measure of happiness.

This resolution will raise awareness about this special population of California children, and will help spark a conversation about what all Californians can do to make a difference.

As such, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and are pleased to be in support. For questions or more information, please contact Bob Herne at 916-368-5114.

Sierra Forever Families has been transforming the lives of children in foster care by building and nurturing permanent families since 1983. Sierra specializes in finding families for children with one or more barriers to permanence including children who are medically fragile. Over 3200 children in California have achieved a forever family through our services. We applaud your efforts to bring awareness to this issue and we pledge our support to continue to meet the needs of this population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob H.", written over a horizontal line.

Bob Herne, MSW
Executive Director



June 10, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Resolution Recognizing Medically Fragile Foster Care and Adoptive Placement Children – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

Stanford Youth Solutions is pleased to support your Resolution recognizing the needs of medically fragile foster care and adoptive placement children in California.

Medically fragile foster care and adoptive placement children are children who, because of their physical and/or intellectual disabilities, face even greater challenges than the typical foster care and/or adoptive placement child. There is currently a severe shortage of willing foster care and adoptive placement homes for children with enhanced care requirements. Yet these children are no less deserving of a safe home, a loving family and the opportunity to achieve their full measure of happiness.

This resolution will raise awareness about this special population of children residing in California, and will help spark a conversation about what all Californians can do to make a difference.

As such, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and are pleased to be in support. For questions or more information, please contact Dr. Laura Heintz, CEO of Stanford Youth Solutions, at lheintz@youthsolutions.org or 916.344.0199.

Stanford Youth Solutions specializes in providing foster care for our community's most vulnerable youth—those who have experienced acute trauma, separation from loved ones and other losses. This specialty is called Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC). Through comprehensive support and one-on-one attention, these foster youth are given the opportunity to succeed in a family home. With the guidance of experienced resource parents, they learn how to become productive members of a family, and they will use these skills for the rest of their lives. We are determined to give each and every child a chance at a healthy, productive and self-sufficient life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Laura Heintz", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dr. Laura Heintz
CEO, Stanford Youth Solutions

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May 25, 2015



Assemblymember Rich Gordon
State Capitol
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RE: Support for Recognizing Medically Fragile Foster Care Month

Dear Assemblyman Rich Gordon,

Your dedicated and ongoing support for California's children in placed foster care is very much appreciated.

Please accept this letter on behalf of Yolo County's Foster and Kinship Parent Education and Recruitment, Retention Programs. We **strongly support** your efforts to recognize a day to highlight the issues and concerns of infants who are medically fragile and in need of out-of-home placement.

Just today we have foster parents bringing to their home a second twin that was born several months early and who weighed less than 3 pounds from the neonatal intensive care unit of an area hospital. This family has willingly opened their hearts and homes to foster these 2 precious special needs babies, in addition to caring for an older sibling, a toddler, who has been in placement with them for several months. It takes dedication and a specific skill set to meet the needs of all children placed in foster care, and especially so for the medically fragile babies, those born prematurely, or prenatally exposed to drugs, domestic violence, homelessness, and/or who have inattentive parents, along with a myriad of other situations and factors that contribute to their "delicate" state requiring additional levels of caregiver time, skills and attention.

Individuals like you, law and policy makers, who appreciate and understand that we ask a lot from our foster and kinship providers and that infants and children placed under the dependency umbrella and into foster care, have extraordinary needs and necessitate special safeguards, are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for striving to improve the lives of our State's most vulnerable population of youngsters – our foster children.

Respectfully submitted,


Cherie Schroeder

cc. Yolo County Foster Family Association
Yolo County Foster Family HUB Leaders

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 1, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 63

Introduced by Senator Bates

**(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Block, Fuller, Hall, Hertzberg,
Hill, Huff, Leyva, Liu, Nguyen, Pavley, and Vidak)**

May 14, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to National Stroke Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 63, as amended, Bates. National Stroke Awareness Month.

This measure would declare the month of May 2015 as National Stroke Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Stroke is the leading cause of serious long-term
2 disability and the ~~fourth~~ *fifth* leading cause of death in California,
3 killing about 130,000 people nationwide and approximately 13,500
4 citizens of California each year; and
5 WHEREAS, Strokes cost the nation \$34 billion annually,
6 including the cost of health care services, medications, and lost
7 productivity; and
8 WHEREAS, Nearly 80 million Americans have high blood
9 pressure, which is a major controllable risk factor for stroke,
10 including ~~45~~ *44* percent of black ~~adults~~ *among adults*—among the
11 highest prevalence of any population in the world; and
12 WHEREAS, Nearly ~~60~~ *58* percent of Americans do not know
13 if they are at risk for a stroke, and one in three Americans cannot
14 name any of the signs or symptoms of a stroke; and

1 WHEREAS, The *F.A.S.T.* warning signs and symptoms of stroke
2 include *face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time*
3 *to call 9-1-1; and beyond F.A.S.T., additional stroke warning signs*
4 *and symptoms include sudden* numbness or weakness of the face,
5 arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body; *sudden* confusion;
6 *sudden* trouble speaking or difficulty understanding; *sudden* trouble
7 seeing in one or both eyes; *sudden* trouble walking; *sudden*
8 dizziness; *sudden* loss of balance ~~and~~ or coordination; and *sudden*
9 severe headache with no known cause; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association urges people to
11 lower their risk of heart disease and stroke by focusing on “Life’s
12 Simple 7” key health factors and behaviors: managing blood
13 pressure, controlling cholesterol, reducing blood sugar, getting
14 active, eating better, losing weight, and stopping smoking; and

15 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed
16 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes,
17 but much more research is needed; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the month of
20 May 2015 as National Stroke Awareness Month in California; and
21 be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
23 familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke,
24 to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at
25 the first signs of a stroke, to dial 9-1-1 immediately in order to
26 begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population;
27 and be 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: July 2, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 63 (Bates) – As Amended June 1, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: National Stroke Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of May 2015 as National Stroke Awareness Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing approximately 130,000 people nationwide and over 13,500 citizens of California.
- 2) Nearly 58 percent of Americans don't know they are at risk for stroke, and one in three Americans cannot name any of the signs or symptoms of a stroke.
- 3) The F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty and time to call 9-1-1. In addition to these signs, additional stroke warning signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no known cause.
- 4) The American Heart Association urges people to lower their risks of heart disease and stroke by focusing on "Life's Simple 7" key health factors and behaviors: managing blood pressure, controlling cholesterol, reducing blood sugar, getting active, eating better, losing weight, and stopping smoking.
- 5) New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but much more research is needed.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Heart/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA)

Opposition

None on file

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



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June 30, 2015

Richard S. Gordon, Chair
Assembly Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: SCR 63 (Bates) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) strongly supports SCR 63, which recognizes May as National Stroke Awareness Month in California.

The mission of the AHA/ASA is to build lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. The organization's work includes initiatives to help prevent, treat, and beat stroke. We urge all Californians to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at the first signs of a stroke, to dial 9-1-1 immediately in order to begin to reduce the devastating effects of strokes on our population.

Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing approximately 130,000 people nationwide and over 13,500 citizens of California each year. In addition to the loss of lives, total annual direct stroke-related medical costs are expected to increase from \$71.55 billion to \$184.13 billion between 2012 and 2030.

National Stroke Awareness Month in California brings awareness about stroke to the populations most vulnerable. For example, the burden of stroke is greater among African Americans than in any other group. In fact, not only do blacks have almost twice the risk of first-ever stroke compared with whites, but blacks 35-54 years old have four times the relative risk for stroke.

For the reasons stated above, we are proud to support SCR 63. Together, we have the power to end stroke by educating all Americans that stroke is largely preventable, treatable and beatable. If you have any questions, please contact me at 916-446-6505, or by email at kula.koenig@heart.org.

Sincerely,

Kula Koenig
Government Relations Director

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Introduced by Senator Stone
(Coauthors: Senators Bates, Fuller, Huff, Morrell, Nguyen, Nielsen,
Roth, Runner, and Vidak)

May 22, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 66—Relative to the 71st anniversary of D-Day, the invasion of Normandy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 66, as introduced, Stone. 71st anniversary of D-Day, the invasion of Normandy.

This measure would recognize June 6, 2015, as the 71st anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, also known as D-Day. This measure would express the gratitude and appreciation of the Legislature to the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in D-Day, and would call upon the people of California to observe the anniversary with appropriate reflections and recognition.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, June 6, 2015, marks the 71st anniversary of the
2 invasion at Normandy, France, by the Allied forces, known as
3 Operation Overlord; and
4 WHEREAS, Before Operation Overlord, the German Army
5 occupied France and the Nazi government had access to the raw
6 materials and industrial capacity of Western Europe; and
7 WHEREAS, Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D.
8 Eisenhower called Operation Overlord a “Crusade in Europe,”
9 telling the soldiers, sailors, and airmen who would participate in
10 the operation that “The free men of the world are marching together

1 to victory. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty,
2 and skill in battle”; and

3 WHEREAS, The naval assault phase on Normandy was
4 code-named “Neptune,” and the June 6th assault date is referred
5 to as D-Day to denote the day on which the invasion was launched;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Significant aerial bombardments and operations,
8 including Operation Fortitude, by Allied forces during the weeks
9 and months leading up to and in support of Operation Overlord,
10 played a significant role in the success of the Normandy landings;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, More than 13,000 soldiers parachuted, and several
13 hundred soldiers in the glider units, participating in Mission Detroit
14 and Mission Chicago, landed behind enemy lines to secure landing
15 fields in the 24 hours preceding the amphibious landing; and

16 WHEREAS, Soldiers of six divisions, composed of three
17 American, two British, and one Canadian division, stormed ashore
18 in five main landing areas on beaches in Normandy that were
19 code-named “Utah,” “Omaha,” “Gold,” “Juno,” and “Sword”; and

20 WHEREAS, The D-Day landing was the largest single
21 amphibious assault in history, consisting of approximately 31,000
22 members of the United States Armed Forces and more than 3,000
23 vehicles that embarked on 208 vessels from Weymouth and
24 Portland, England; and

25 WHEREAS, Of the estimated 9,400 casualties incurred by Allied
26 forces on the first day of the landing, an estimated 5,400 casualties
27 were members of the United States Armed Forces; and

28 WHEREAS, Only five days after the initial landing, Allied
29 forces secured a beachhead that was 50 miles long and 12 miles
30 deep and was occupied by more than 325,000 soldiers; and

31 WHEREAS, On July 25, 1944, Allied forces launched Operation
32 COBRA to break out of the beachhead and began the liberation
33 of France, which ultimately contributed to the destruction of the
34 Nazi regime on May 7, 1945; and

35 WHEREAS, Planned for over two years by Allied forces, the
36 D-Day invasion was an intricate coordination of the world's greatest
37 military forces and an exercise in cooperation that marked the
38 turning point of the war and the world's history; and

1 WHEREAS, Members of the “greatest generation” assumed the
2 task of cooperating to free the world from Nazi and Fascist regimes
3 and restore liberty to Europe; now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes June 6, 2015,
6 as the 71st anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, also known
7 as D-Day; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Legislature expresses its gratitude and
9 appreciation to the members of the United States Armed Forces
10 and the Allied forces who cooperated and sacrificed in this critical
11 battle to secure liberation from the Nazi and Fascist regimes; and
12 be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon the people of
14 California to observe the 71st anniversary of D-Day with
15 appropriate reflections of this period of world history and
16 recognition of all those Californians and Americans who have
17 sacrificed for freedom; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: July 2, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 66 (Stone) – As Introduced May 22, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: 71st anniversary of D-Day, the invasion of Normandy.

SUMMARY: Recognizes June 6, 2015, as the 71st anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, also known as D-Day. This measure expresses the gratitude and appreciation of the Legislature to the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in D-Day, and would call upon the people of California to observe the anniversary with appropriate reflections and recognition. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) June 6, 2015, marks the 71st anniversary of the invasion at Normandy, France, by the Allied forces, known as Operation Overlord.
- 2) The D-Day landing was the largest single amphibious assault in history, consisting of approximately 31,000 members of the United States Armed Forces and more than 3,000 vehicles that embarked on 208 vessels from Weymouth and Portland, England. Only five days after the initial landing, Allied forces secured a beachhead that was 50 miles long and 12 miles deep and was occupied by more than 325,000 soldiers.
- 3) Of the estimated 9,400 casualties incurred by Allied forces on the first day of the landing, an estimated 5,400 casualties were members of the United States Armed Forces.
- 4) Planned for over two years by Allied forces, the D-Day invasion was an intricate coordination of the world's greatest military forces and an exercise in cooperation that marked the turning point of the war and the world's history.
- 5) Expresses gratitude and appreciation to the members of the United States Armed Forces and the Allied forces who cooperated and sacrificed in this critical battle to secure liberation from the Nazi and Fascist regimes.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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Introduced by Senator Stone
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and Vidak)

May 22, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67—Relative to National Mental Health Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 67, as introduced, Stone. National Mental Health Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize May 2015 as National Mental Health Awareness Month to enhance public awareness of mental illness.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Mental illness is one of the leading causes of
2 disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four
3 families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those
4 persons who care for and love the person afflicted; and
5 WHEREAS, Serious mental illness costs Americans
6 approximately \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year; and
7 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Mental Health has
8 reported that many people suffer from more than one mental
9 disorder at a given time and that 45 percent of those with any
10 mental disorder meet criteria for two or more disorders, including
11 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV/Aids, and cancer, and the
12 severity of the mental disorder strongly relates to comorbidity;
13 and
14 WHEREAS, 57 million Americans have a mental disorder in
15 any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults living with a

1 mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of youth 8 to 15
2 years of age, inclusive, with a mental illness received mental health
3 services in the last year; and

4 WHEREAS, Although mental illness impacts all people, many
5 of those in lower-income communities receive less care, poorer
6 quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care,
7 thereby resulting in mental health disparities; and

8 WHEREAS, Some see negative perceptions about mental health
9 care as a significant factor contributing to limited or nonexistent
10 access to care, and some common concerns are stigma, culture,
11 masculinity, exposure to violence, and lack of information and
12 awareness, among many others; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the California Reducing Disparities
14 Project report, being misdiagnosed and given severe mental health
15 diagnoses can be stigmatizing and can affect the person's
16 self-esteem, which, in turn, can discourage the person from seeking
17 help; and

18 WHEREAS, The three major brain diseases: schizophrenia,
19 bipolar disorder, and depression, adversely affect the economy,
20 contribute to the rise of incarceration rates, and erode the quality
21 of life for patients and their loved ones; and

22 WHEREAS, Nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable
23 mental illness do not receive mental health treatment due to stigma,
24 lack of community-based resources, inadequate diagnosis, or no
25 diagnosis; and

26 WHEREAS, An estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile
27 justice system have at least one mental health condition, and at
28 least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually
29 undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated,
30 thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in
31 vulnerable condition; and

32 WHEREAS, There is a need to improve public awareness of
33 mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of
34 brain diseases, so that all those with mental illness may receive
35 adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their
36 becoming fully functioning members of society; and

37 WHEREAS, Access to mental health treatment and services is
38 of paramount importance; and

39 WHEREAS, There is a need to encourage primary care
40 physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care

1 providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to
2 encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders; and
3 WHEREAS, The Legislature wishes to enhance public
4 awareness of mental illness, 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 hereby recognizes May 2015 as National Mental Health Awareness
8 Month in California to enhance public awareness of mental illness;
9 and 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: July 2, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 67 (Stone) – As Introduced May 22, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: National Mental Health Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes May 2015 as National Mental Health Awareness Month to enhance public awareness of mental illness. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Mental illness is one of the leading causes of disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those persons who care for and love the person afflicted.
- 2) 57 million Americans have a mental disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of youth 8 to 15 years of age, inclusive, with a mental illness received mental health services in the last year.
- 3) Although mental illness impacts all people, many of those in lower-income communities receive less care, poorer quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care, thereby resulting in mental health disparities.
- 4) Nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable mental illness do not receive mental health treatment due to stigma, lack of community-based resources, inadequate diagnosis, or no diagnosis.
- 5) Access to mental health treatment and services is of paramount importance and there is a need to encourage primary care physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
Employee Assistance Program

ISSUE:

Should the Assembly contract with Magellan Healthcare to administer the Assembly's Employee Assistance Program for a five-year period?

BACKGROUND:

The Assembly and the State of California have contracted with Managed Health Network (MHN) to administer the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) since 2004. The current contract expired June 30, 2015.

The State of California recently completed a bid process for EAP services. There were numerous responses to the state's bid request; however most were disqualified because they did not meet the Knox Keene Act licensing requirements. The two finalists were Magellan Healthcare and the current vendor (MHN). Magellan Healthcare was successful based upon the price quoted, their ability to service the State of California as a large customer, and willingness to provide a dedicated account manager.

Magellan Healthcare has offered the Assembly the same level of coverage and rates as those that have been negotiated by the State of California. These rates are lower than MHN's current rates and are based upon a five-year contract period.

The EAP provides counseling and referral services to help manage personal problems in areas such as alcohol/drug abuse; emotional/stress concerns; marital/family issues; legal matters; financial problems; and dependent care. Assembly Members, employees and their families are entitled to up to seven free counseling sessions per year for each problem type.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the five-year contract with Magellan Healthcare.