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Monday, August 26, 2019  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 3162

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 8/23/19  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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

## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

08/26/2019

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 123**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gabriel**

August 13, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 123—Relative to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 123, as introduced, Gabriel. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of September 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in California and state the commitment of the Legislature to support efforts to find cures for, and achieve prevention of, childhood cancer.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Cancer is by far the leading cause of death by  
2 disease among children in this country; and  
3 WHEREAS, Many children in California are afflicted with  
4 cancer, experiencing enormous pain and suffering, and they and  
5 their families require extraordinary levels of information and  
6 support in their struggles against this disease; and  
7 WHEREAS, Successful prevention and treatment of many types  
8 of childhood cancer has not yet been achieved; and  
9 WHEREAS, The prevention and treatment of cancer requires  
10 a high level of commitment in order to provide the necessary  
11 resources and research; and

1 WHEREAS, California has many of the world's finest medical,  
2 academic, and commercial institutions, and must continue as a  
3 leader in the fight against this terrible disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of this major public  
5 health problem is a crucial step toward finding solutions; and

6 WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an  
7 important nationwide tool for raising awareness among  
8 governmental officials and the public about the nature and scope  
9 of this problem; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes and  
12 declares September 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month  
13 in California; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Legislature is committed to supporting efforts  
15 to find cures for, and achieve prevention of, childhood cancer; and  
16 be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 123 (Gabriel) – As Introduced August 13, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of September 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cancer is by far the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States.
- 2) Many children in California are afflicted with cancer, experiencing enormous pain and suffering, and they and their families require extraordinary levels of information and support in their struggles against the disease.
- 3) The prevention and treatment of cancer requires a high level of commitment in order to provide the necessary resources and research; and, increased public awareness of this major public health problem is a crucial step toward finding solutions.
- 4) California has many of the world's finest medical, academic, and commercial institutions, and must continue as a leader in the fight against this terrible disease.
- 5) Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an important nationwide tool for raising awareness among governmental officials and the public about the nature and scope of this problem.

**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. 129**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chiu, Gloria, and Ting)**  
(Coauthor: Senator Wiener)

August 19, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 129—Relative to Leyte Landing Commemoration Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 129, as introduced, Bonta. Leyte Landing Commemoration Day.

This measure would designate October 20, 2019, and each 20th day of October thereafter, as Leyte Landing Commemoration Day in recognition of the significance of the Leyte landing in liberating the Philippines from Japanese occupation and would also honor the significant contributions to California made by generations of Filipino Americans since that time.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Leyte Gulf Landing on October 20, 1944, led  
2 by General Douglas MacArthur that commenced on the eastern  
3 Philippine island of Leyte, is remembered as the liberation of the  
4 Philippines during World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, After General MacArthur had been evacuated from  
6 the Philippines in March 1942, all of its islands fell under the  
7 Japanese occupation from mid-1942 until mid-1944, an occupation  
8 that was harsh and accompanied by atrocities, with large numbers  
9 of Filipinos pressed into slave labor; and

1 WHEREAS, When General Douglas MacArthur was ordered  
2 to leave he had already established a strong rapport with the  
3 Filipino people and the guerillas; as he left, he vowed, “I shall  
4 return” and the fulfillment of his promise is the reason that General  
5 MacArthur was declared a hero; and

6 WHEREAS, During the war, the efforts of Filipino and  
7 American defenders during the Battle of Bataan were widely  
8 covered by the press, as were the actions of the 100th Infantry and  
9 the 442nd Infantry, including the 1951 film “Go for Broke!” which  
10 portrayed their endeavors; and

11 WHEREAS, By contrast, the activities of the Filipino Infantry  
12 Regiment and its sister units were largely unpublicized, and it was  
13 not until the making of the documentaries “Unsung Heroes” and  
14 “An Untold Triumph” that any significant visual media covered  
15 the history of the regiment; and

16 WHEREAS, During the American reconquest of the Philippines,  
17 the Filipino guerrillas struck openly against Japanese forces, carried  
18 out reconnaissance activities ahead of the advancing regular troops,  
19 and took their places in battle beside the advancing American  
20 divisions; and

21 WHEREAS, Following the liberation of Leyte and victory in  
22 World War II, many GI “war brides” came from the Philippines  
23 to the United States, which resulted in a dramatic population boom  
24 of first and second generation Filipino American-born children in  
25 the United States, creating a new milestone marking the growing  
26 presence and influence of Filipinos in the United States that carries  
27 on today; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That October 20, 2019, and each 20th day of  
30 October hereafter, is hereby designated and commemorated as  
31 Leyte Landing Commemoration Day; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature, in recognizing this historic event,  
33 also honors the significant contributions to California made by  
34 generations of Filipino Americans since that time; 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: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 129 (Bonta) – As Introduced August 19, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Leyte Landing Commemoration Day.

**SUMMARY:** Designates October 20, 2019, and each 20th day of October thereafter, as Leyte Landing Commemoration Day in recognition of the significance of the Leyte landing in liberating the Philippines from Japanese occupation, and honors the significant contributions to California made by generations of Filipino Americans since that time. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Leyte Gulf Landing on October 20, 1944, led by General MacArthur that commenced on the eastern Philippine island of Leyte is remembered as the liberation of the Philippines during World War II.
- 2) After General MacArthur had been evacuated from the Philippines in March 1942, all of its islands fell under the Japanese occupation from mid-1942 until mid-1944, an occupation that was harsh and accompanied by atrocities, with large numbers of Filipinos pressed into slave labor.
- 3) During the war, the efforts of Filipino and American defenders during the Battle of Bataan were widely covered by the press, as were the actions of the 100th Infantry and the 442nd Infantry, including the 1951 film “Go for Broke!” which portrayed their endeavors.
- 4) By contrast, the activities of the Filipino Infantry Regiments and its sister units were largely unpublicized, and it was not until the making of the documentaries “Unsung Heroes” and “An Untold Triumph” that any significant visual media covered the history of the regiment.
- 5) Following the liberation of Leyte and victory in World War II, many GI “war brides” came from the Philippines to the United States, which resulted in a dramatic population boom of first and second generation Filipino American-born children in the United States. This created a new milestone marking the growing presence and influence of Filipinos in the United States that carries on today.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce (CalAsian)

**Opposition**

None on file

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

August 23, 2019

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
State Capitol, Room 3013  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACR 129 (Bonta) – SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Cooley:

On behalf of the California Pacific Chamber of Commerce (CalAsian), I write in support of ACR 129, which designates October 20, 2019 and each 20<sup>th</sup> day of October thereafter as Leyte Landing Commemoration Day.

By way of background, the CalAsian Chamber represents the interests of more than 600,000 API-owned businesses in California. The CalAsian Chamber is the largest statewide ethnic chamber in California, which consists of 16 sub-ethnic groups, with the mission to grow and empower the API business community throughout the state. California's API-owned businesses generate over \$181 billion in annual revenue and employ over 900,000 workers with an annual payroll of over \$26 billion.

As the largest statewide ethnic chamber, CalAsian recognizes the importance of highlighting events that honor the cultural and historical significance of our Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

For these reasons, the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports ACR 129.

Sincerely,



Pat Fong Kushida  
President & CEO  
California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce

cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 130**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Weber**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Burke, Cooper, Gipson, Holden,**  
**Jones-Sawyer, Kamlager-Dove, and McCarty)**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Bradford and Mitchell)**

August 19, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 130—Relative to African descendants of slaves in the United States.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 130, as introduced, Weber. African descendants of slaves in the United States.

This measure would recognize the need to pursue avenues to implement proposed reparations for the descendants of African slaves in the United States. The measure would further recognize August 2019 as marking 400 years since Africans were brought to Virginia.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, August 2019 will mark 400 years since the first  
2 arrival of Africans to present-day America, and the United States  
3 Congress has established the 400 Years of African-American  
4 History Commission to commemorate the historic heritage and  
5 contributions that Americans of African descent have made to help  
6 shape the cultural, academic, social, economic, and moral attributes  
7 of this nation; and  
8 WHEREAS, In August 1619, the first documented Africans  
9 arrived in the English colony of Virginia. The group, recorded  
10 upon arrival as “20 and odd Negros,” was part of a larger group

1 of West Africans enslaved by Portuguese slave traders. They were  
2 on their way to Veracruz, Mexico, aboard a Portuguese ship when  
3 they were captured off the coast of Mexico by an English warship  
4 and transported to Virginia, where they were put ashore at what  
5 is now Hampton, Virginia, and sold as involuntary laborers or  
6 indentured servants; and

7 WHEREAS, Approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their  
8 descendants were enslaved in the United States and colonies that  
9 became the United States between 1619 and 1865; and

10 WHEREAS, The institution of chattel slavery was  
11 constitutionally and statutorily sanctioned by the government of  
12 the United States from 1789 through 1865; and

13 WHEREAS, Chattel slavery flourished in the United States and  
14 constituted an immoral and inhumane deprivation of life, liberty,  
15 citizenship rights, and cultural heritage, and denied enslaved  
16 persons the fruits of their own labor; and

17 WHEREAS, The first mention of African enslavement in  
18 California was in 1537; and

19 WHEREAS, In the 1840s and 1850s, Members of the California  
20 Legislature fought to ensure that free Black people were prohibited  
21 from immigrating to or living in California; and

22 WHEREAS, California was admitted to the Union in 1850, and  
23 became a “free state,” but the government continued to perpetuate,  
24 condone, and profit from practices that continued to brutalize and  
25 disadvantage Africans in America and their descendants, including  
26 sharecropping, convict leasing, Jim Crow laws, redlining, unequal  
27 education, and disproportionate treatment at the hands of the  
28 criminal justice system; and

29 WHEREAS, Approximately 2,200 African Americans resided  
30 in California by 1852; and

31 WHEREAS, In the early 1850s, the California Legislature and  
32 the judiciary constructed a web of statutes and legal rulings that  
33 undercut enslaved people’s claims to freedom and committed the  
34 state government to compelling slave obedience; and

35 WHEREAS, As a result of historical and continued  
36 discrimination, African American descendants of slaves continue  
37 to suffer debilitating economic, educational, and health hardships,  
38 including, but not limited to, an unemployment rate more than  
39 twice the current White unemployment rate and an average of less

1 than one-sixteenth of the wealth of White families, a disparity  
2 which has worsened, not improved, over time; and

3 WHEREAS, A preponderance of scholarly and legal evidentiary  
4 documentation constitutes the basis for inquiry into the ongoing  
5 effects of the institution of chattel slavery and its legacy of  
6 persistent systemic structures of discrimination on living African  
7 descendants of slaves in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Modern conceptualizations of reparations for  
9 descendants of African slaves have resulted in research without  
10 implementation of proposed recommendations; now, therefore, be  
11 it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the need to  
14 pursue avenues to implement proposed reparations for the  
15 descendants of African slaves in the United States; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes August 2019  
17 as marking 400 years since Africans were brought to Virginia,  
18 initiating several centuries of slavery; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
20 of this measure to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 130 (Weber) – As Introduced August 19, 2019

**SUBJECT:** African descendants of slaves in the United States.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes August 2019 as marking 400 years since African slaves were brought to Virginia, and the need to pursue avenues to implement proposed reparations for the descendants of African slaves in the United States. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) August 2019 will mark 400 years since the first arrival of Africans to present-day America, and the United States Congress has established the 400 Years of African-American History Commission to commemorate the historic heritage and contributions that Americans of African descent have made to help shape the cultural, academic, social, economic, and moral attributes of this nation.
- 2) In August 1619, the first documented Africans arrived in the English colony of Virginia. The group, recorded upon arrival as “20 and odd Negroes,” was part of a larger group of West Africans enslaved by Portuguese slave traders. They were on their way to Veracruz, Mexico, aboard a Portuguese ship when they were captured off the coast of Mexico by an English warship and transported to Virginia, where they were put ashore at what is now Hampton, Virginia, and sold as involuntary laborers or indentured servants.
- 3) Approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their descendants were enslaved in the United States and colonies that became the United States between 1619 and 1865.
- 4) The institution of chattel slavery was constitutionally and statutorily sanctioned by the government of the United States from 1789 through 1865.
- 5) California was admitted to the Union in 1850, and became a “free state,” but the government continued to perpetuate, condone, and profit from practices that continued to brutalize and disadvantage Africans in America and their descendants.
- 6) In the early 1850s, the California Legislature and the judiciary constructed a web of statutes and legal rulings that undercut enslaved people’s claims to freedom and committed the state government to compelling slave obedience.
- 7) As a result of historical and continued discrimination, African American descendants of slaves continue to suffer debilitating economic, educational, and health hardships, including, but not limited to, an unemployment rate more than twice the current White unemployment rate and an average of less than one-sixteenth of the wealth of White families, a disparity which has worsened, not improved, over time.

**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. 132**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra**  
**(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bauer-Kahan, Cooper,**  
**Cristina Garcia, Grayson, and Quirk)**  
(Principal coauthors: Senators Umberg and Wieckowski)

August 19, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 132—Relative to California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 132, as introduced, Kalra. California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate the month of October 2019 as California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month. The measure would also recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions made by Californians of Hindu heritage to the state and seek to increase awareness and understanding of the Hindu American community.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California and the nation have been influenced by
- 2 the extraordinary cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity
- 3 of its residents; and
- 4 WHEREAS, There is an estimated one billion Hindus
- 5 worldwide, and approximately 2.23 million Hindu Americans live
- 6 across the nation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest Hindu American
- 8 population in the United States; and



1 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans in California represent diverse  
2 ethnic backgrounds, including individuals of Indian, Pakistani,  
3 Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese,  
4 Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent; and

5 WHEREAS, California and our nation have greatly benefited  
6 from Hindu Americans, especially through the Vedanta philosophy,  
7 Ayurvedic medicine, classical Indian art, dance, music, meditation,  
8 yoga, literature, and community service; and

9 WHEREAS, The year 2019 marks the 126th anniversary of  
10 when Hinduism was officially introduced to the United States by  
11 Swami Vivekananda in 1893 at the World's Parliament of  
12 Religions in Chicago, and the 119th anniversary of when he  
13 founded the Vedanta Society in San Francisco, California, in 1900;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Hindus are primarily an immigrant community  
16 and first started immigrating to California and the United States  
17 in the early 1900s, and came in increasing numbers after the lifting  
18 of the Asian Exclusion Act of 1924 in 1943 and the abolishment  
19 of quotas for immigrants based on national origin in 1965; and

20 WHEREAS, Most Hindu immigrants have come to the United  
21 States as students, in search of better economic opportunities, or  
22 to unite with family members, while others have arrived in this  
23 country after facing religious persecution in their countries of  
24 origin; and

25 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans and the Vedanta philosophy  
26 have significantly influenced notable intellectuals such as Henry  
27 David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, J.D.  
28 Salinger, Christopher Isherwood, Aldous Huxley, Huston Smith,  
29 and Joseph Campbell; and

30 WHEREAS, The first Hindu temple in the United States was  
31 built in San Francisco, California, and at the dedication of the  
32 temple on January 7, 1906, it was proclaimed to be the "First Hindu  
33 Temple in the Whole Western World"; and

34 WHEREAS, There are now over 120 Hindu temples, religious  
35 centers, and cultural centers throughout California, and the greater  
36 bay area is home to over 40 of those temples and centers; and

37 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have greatly enriched  
38 California's higher education university systems by teaching  
39 numerous students, especially in the academic fields of  
40 astrophysics, computer science, engineering, law, planetary science,

1 psychology, and neuroscience, and a majority of Hindu Americans  
2 are in high-skill occupations; and

3 WHEREAS, Seventy-seven percent of Hindu American adults  
4 have a college degree and nearly 50 percent of Hindu American  
5 adults have a postgraduate degree, according to the Pew Research  
6 Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans share the entrepreneurial spirit  
8 of America and contribute to California's economic vitality, having  
9 been pioneers and leaders in Silicon Valley and founding several  
10 of its early startups. Hindu Americans are estimated to be employed  
11 in 40 percent of startups in Silicon Valley; and

12 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have also contributed to many  
13 of California's economic sectors and have particularly excelled in  
14 the areas of business, law, politics, information technology,  
15 medicine, and science; and

16 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans now serve in various levels of  
17 government across the state and nation, including four Members  
18 in the United States House of Representatives; and

19 WHEREAS, California Hindu temples, organizations, and  
20 individuals actively engage in seva, a Sanskrit word for selfless  
21 service, towards their fellow human beings through charity, public  
22 service, and the provision of free medical and legal services; and

23 WHEREAS, Ahimsa, which is the Sanskrit word for noninjury  
24 or nonviolence, is a central principle for Hindu Americans in  
25 California, and it provides the ethical foundation for vegetarianism,  
26 environmentalism, and harmonious living; and

27 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans in cities throughout California  
28 celebrate numerous holidays and festivals, such as Diwali, which  
29 celebrates the victory of good over evil and knowledge over  
30 ignorance; and

31 WHEREAS, Despite their positive contributions to California  
32 and this nation, Hindu Americans face stereotypes and  
33 misconceptions about their heritage and have been the targets of  
34 bullying, discrimination, hate speech, and bias-motivated crimes;  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Many Hindus and their families in California and  
37 the United States face an uncertain future in this country due to  
38 inequitable immigration policies and decades-long backlogs for  
39 green cards; and

1 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans promote the ideals of tolerance,  
2 pluralism, and religious freedom, which are inherent to their beliefs  
3 and respect the diversity of all faiths, and the Vedas, the  
4 5,000-year-old texts of Hindu Americans, provide the basis for  
5 these core principles: “Truth is one, the wise call it by many  
6 names” (Ekam sat viprah bahudha vadanti); now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
8 *concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the month of  
9 October 2019 as California Hindu American Awareness and  
10 Appreciation Month; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and acknowledges  
12 the significant contributions made by Californians of Hindu  
13 heritage to our state, and by adoption of this resolution, seeks to  
14 increase awareness and understanding of the Hindu American  
15 community; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 132 (Kalra) – As Introduced August 19, 2019

**SUBJECT:** California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the month of October 2019 as California Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month, and recognizes the significant contributions made by Californians of Hindu heritage to the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) There is an estimated one billion Hindus worldwide, and more than 2.23 million Hindu Americans live across the nation; and, California is home to the largest Hindu American population in the United States.
- 2) Hindu Americans in California represent diverse ethnic backgrounds, including individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese, Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent.
- 3) California and our nation have greatly benefited from Hindu Americans, especially through the Vedanta philosophy, Ayurvedic medicine, classical Indian art, dance, music, meditation, yoga, literature, and community service.
- 4) 2019 marks the 126th anniversary of when Hinduism was officially introduced to the United States by Swami Vivekananda in 1893 at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago, and the 119th anniversary of when he founded the Vedanta Society in San Francisco, California, in 1900.
- 5) Hindu Americans have greatly enriched California's higher education university systems by teaching numerous students, especially in the academic fields of astrophysics, computer science, engineering, law, planetary science, psychology, and neuroscience.
- 6) Hindu Americans share the entrepreneurial spirit of America and contribute to California's economic vitality, having been pioneers and leaders in Silicon Valley and founding several of its early startups. Hindu Americans are estimated to be employed in 40 percent of startups in Silicon Valley.
- 7) Hindu Americans now serve in various levels of government across the state and nation, including four Members in the United States House of Representatives.
- 8) Ahimsa, which is the Sanskrit word for noninjury or nonviolence, is a central principle for Hindu Americans in California, and it provides the ethical foundation for vegetarianism, environmentalism, and harmonious living.
- 9) Despite their positive contributions to California and this nation, Hindu Americans have been targets of bullying, discrimination, hate speech, and bias-motivated crimes.

10) Hindu Americans promote the ideals of tolerance, pluralism, and religious freedom, which are inherent to their beliefs and respect the diversity of all faiths.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 133**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Kalra**  
**(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Bauer-Kahan, Chiu, Chu,**  
**Cooper, and Gallagher)**  
(Principal coauthors: Senators Galgiani, Nielsen, and Wieckowski)

August 19, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 133—Relative to California’s Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 133, as introduced, Kalra. California’s Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate the month of November 2019 to be California’s Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month. This measure would recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions made by Californians of Sikh heritage to our state and seeks to afford all Californians the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared principles of Sikh Americans. This measure would condemn all hate crimes and bias incidents against Sikh Americans and encourage all Sikhs to practice their faith freely and fearlessly.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California and our nation are at once blessed and
- 2 enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India, first entered
- 4 California in 1899 through the Angel Island Immigration Station
- 5 in San Francisco, California; and

1 WHEREAS, The Sikh pioneers initially worked on railroad  
2 construction projects and in lumber mills; and

3 WHEREAS, By 1910, these pioneers turned to farming in the  
4 Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial Valleys; and

5 WHEREAS, On October 14, 1912, the first Sikh house of  
6 worship (gurdwara) in the United States, the Stockton Sikh Temple,  
7 was founded by Jawala Singh and Wasakha Singh. The following  
8 year, the congregation formed the Pacific Coast Khalsa Diwan  
9 Society; and

10 WHEREAS, There are now more than 220 known gurdwaras  
11 in the United States, 58 of which are in California, including the  
12 Gurdwara Sahib of San Jose, the largest gurdwara in North  
13 America; and

14 WHEREAS, The Stockton Record, dated November 22, 1915,  
15 quoted the gurdwara's elected leadership declaring, "We do not  
16 permit our people to become charges on public charity. If a man  
17 is hungry and out of funds we feed him. Our dining room is open  
18 at all hours of the day and is closed only for a few hours during  
19 the night"; and

20 WHEREAS, Legislation to authorize Sikhs and other East Indian  
21 immigrants to naturalize as United States citizens was not enacted  
22 until 1946; and

23 WHEREAS, On January 1, 1912, Jawala Singh and Wasakha  
24 Singh, who migrated to California through Angel Island in 1908  
25 and served as the founding Granthis (religious leader) of the  
26 Stockton Sikh Temple, recognized the value of education and  
27 started six Guru Govind Singh Sahib Educational Scholarships at  
28 the University of California, Berkeley; and

29 WHEREAS, These scholarships were awarded without regard  
30 to ethnicity or religion and the first awardees included three  
31 Hindus, one Christian, one Sikh, and one Muslim; and

32 WHEREAS, Board and lodging was provided at the students'  
33 home at 1731 Allston Way, Berkeley, where smoking and drinking  
34 were prohibited; and

35 WHEREAS, On November 1, 1913, The Ghadar, the first  
36 Punjabi-language newspaper in the United States, was published  
37 by Kartar Singh Sarabha, who was then 17 years of age, with  
38 financial support from the Stockton Sikh Temple; and

39 WHEREAS, On December 31, 1913, Jawala Singh and Wasakha  
40 Singh organized the Ghadri Conclave in Sacramento to form the

1 Ghadar Party to overthrow the British colonial rulers of the Indian  
2 subcontinent; and

3 WHEREAS, The Ghadar Party sent 616 of its members to India,  
4 of whom 86 percent were Sikhs; and

5 WHEREAS, Homage is paid to them annually at a dozen  
6 different gatherings called melas from Sacramento, California, to  
7 Bakersfield, California; and

8 WHEREAS, Sikh history and culture is represented in the Asian  
9 Art Museum in San Francisco, in the Smithsonian Museum in  
10 Washington, D.C., in the Community Memorial Museum of Sutter  
11 County, and in the museum at the Stockton Sikh Temple; and

12 WHEREAS, Sikh farmers contribute abundantly towards  
13 production of peaches, raisins, grapes, almonds, pistachios, okra,  
14 and other specialized crops of fruits, vegetables, and nuts; and

15 WHEREAS, Sikhs have also excelled in security services and  
16 transportation services, as doctors, attorneys, engineers, teachers,  
17 and small business owners, and in other notable capacities; and

18 WHEREAS, Dalip Singh Saund, a Sikh who was born in Punjab,  
19 India, earned a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley  
20 in 1924, initially worked as a foreman of cotton pickers in the  
21 Imperial Valley, and later became a farmer, played a major role  
22 in raising the funds needed to lobby for the Luce-Celler Act of  
23 1946 that enabled him and others to naturalize as citizens, and  
24 served as an elected judge in the Westmoreland County Judicial  
25 District from 1952 to 1956, before becoming the first Asian  
26 American elected to the United States Congress, wherein he served  
27 three terms from 1957 to 1963; and

28 WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have served and continue to serve  
29 as mayors and council members of many California cities; and

30 WHEREAS, Sikhs have served in all American wars since  
31 World War I, including Bhagat Singh Thind, a Sikh born in Punjab,  
32 India, who was a United States veteran of World War I, who  
33 campaigned actively for the independence of India from British  
34 rule, who supported Indian students and lectured on metaphysics  
35 throughout the United States, and who has been honored by the  
36 Fred T. Korematsu Institute as a “Race in the Courts Hero” for  
37 fighting his citizenship case in the United States Supreme Court  
38 in 1923; and

39 WHEREAS, Narinder Singh Kapany of Palo Alto, a Sikh born  
40 in Punjab, India, is an accomplished scientist and inventor who



1 has been awarded over 100 patents that spurred advances in lasers,  
2 biomedical instrumentation, pollution monitoring, and solar energy,  
3 and is widely acknowledged to be the father of fiber optics, a  
4 technology that has allowed for high-speed digital communication;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Yuba City, often called “Mini-Punjab” because of  
7 its 10 percent Punjabi population, commemorates the inauguration  
8 of the holy Sikh scripture, Sri Guru Granth Sahib, on the first  
9 Sunday of November, rain or shine, and this international event  
10 has in recent years attracted up to 100,000 participants from all  
11 over the United States, Canada, and even abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, Sikh Americans throughout California celebrate  
13 the coronation of Sikh scripture and other Sikh festivals at the  
14 gurdwaras and through parades in cities across California and the  
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, November 12, 2019, is the 550th birth anniversary  
17 of the first of 10 gurus and founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak. This  
18 day is celebrated by Sikhs in California and worldwide as Guru  
19 Nanak Gurburab and is one of the most important dates in the Sikh  
20 calendar; and

21 WHEREAS, Various Sikh organizations, including the Sikh  
22 Council of Central California, the Sikh Coalition, the Sikh  
23 American Legal Defense and Education Fund, United Sikhs, and  
24 the Jakara Movement, and individual gurdwaras participate in  
25 interfaith meetings, seminars, conferences, and functions and share  
26 the tenets of their monotheistic religion that respects other religions  
27 and welcomes all to their gurdwaras, and try to promote mutual  
28 understanding and respect among all peoples; and

29 WHEREAS, The Sikh American community continues to  
30 peacefully overcome attacks on its identity and practices, whether  
31 in the form of school harassment, employment discrimination, or  
32 hate crimes, including the murders of six Sikhs during the Oak  
33 Creek, Wisconsin Sikh gurdwara shooting on August 5, 2012, as  
34 well as the senseless murders of Surinder Singh and Gurmej Singh  
35 Atwal in Elk Grove, California, on March 4, 2011; and

36 WHEREAS, Due to ignorance and hate, Sikhs have been the  
37 subject of hate crimes because of their articles of faith, including  
38 a turban and beard, which represent the Sikh religious commitment  
39 to justice, equality, and dignity for all; and

1 WHEREAS, The faithful service of the Sikh American  
2 community to this state and country merits appreciation as an  
3 integral thread in the fabric of American plurality; now, therefore,  
4 be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
7 month of November 2019 to be California's Sikh American  
8 Awareness and Appreciation Month; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes and acknowledges  
10 the significant contributions made by Californians of Sikh heritage  
11 to our state, and by adoption of this resolution, seeks to afford all  
12 Californians the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and  
13 appreciate the rich history and shared principles of Sikh Americans;  
14 and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Legislature condemns all hate crimes and  
16 bias incidents against Sikh Americans and encourages all Sikhs  
17 to practice their faith freely and fearlessly; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
19 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution to the  
20 Members of the Legislature, members of the California Sikh  
21 American community, and other interested organizations or  
22 persons.

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Date of Hearing: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 133 (Kalra) – As Introduced August 19, 2019

**SUBJECT:** California's Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the month of November 2019 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month and recognizes and acknowledges the significant contributions Californians of Sikh heritage have made to the state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following findings:

- 1) November 12, 2019, is the 550th birth anniversary of the first of 10 gurus and founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak. This day is celebrated by Sikhs in California and worldwide as Guru Nanak Gurpurab and is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar.
- 2) California and our nation are blessed and enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and, Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India first entered California in 1899 through the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco, California.
- 3) Sikh pioneers initially worked on railroad construction projects, and in lumber mills, but by 1910, these pioneers turned to farming in the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial Valleys.
- 4) In 1912, the first Sikh house of worship (gurdwara) in the United States, the Stockton Sikh Temple, was founded by Jawala Singh and Wasakha Singh. There are now more than 220 gurdwaras in the United States, 58 of which are in California.
- 5) On December 31, 1913, Jawala Singh and Wasakha Singh organized the Ghadri Conclave in Sacramento to form the Ghadar Party to overthrow the British colonial rulers of the Indian subcontinent; and, the Ghadar Party sent 616 of its members to India, of whom 86 percent were Sikhs.
- 6) Sikh history and culture is represented in the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C., in the Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County, and the museum at the Stockton Sikh Temple.
- 7) Sikh farmers contribute abundantly towards production of peaches, raisins, grapes, almonds, pistachios, okra, and other specialized crops of fruits, vegetables, and nuts. Sikhs have also excelled in security services and transportation services, as doctors, attorneys, engineers, teachers, and small business owners.
- 8) The faithful service of the Sikh American community to this state and country merits appreciation as an integral thread in the fabric of American plurality.

**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. 134**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chu**

(Principal coauthor: Senator Allen)

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bloom, Chiu, Choi, Diep,  
Friedman, Kamlager-Dove, Medina, Nazarian, and Waldron)**

(Coauthors: Senators Pan, Stern, and Wilk)

August 21, 2019

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134—Relative to the 50th anniversary of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 134, as introduced, Chu. 50th anniversary of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras.

This measure would commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, From the beginning there has been a symbiotic  
2 relationship between the Association of California Symphony  
3 Orchestras (ACSO), the American Symphony Orchestras League,  
4 now called the League of American Orchestras, and state  
5 government through the offices of the California Arts Commission  
6 (commission), and later, its successor, the California Arts Council  
7 (CAC); and  
8 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1, which created the commission  
9 on September 20, 1963, was passed just two years before the first  
10 financial assistance was made to the American Symphony  
11 Orchestras League for its summer Conductors’ Workshop at the

1 Asilomar Conference Grounds in the County of Monterey. The  
2 purpose of that workshop was to offer a training opportunity to  
3 young California conductors and 80 percent of the participants  
4 were young California conductors; and

5 WHEREAS, The commission, with Martin Dibner as its first  
6 executive director, began holding symposiums around the state  
7 featuring celebrated speakers. Three hundred cultural leaders  
8 attended the 1965 San Francisco Symposium at which Roger  
9 Stevens deplored the fact that numerous school districts in  
10 California had abolished music instruction in primary schools in  
11 order to save money. The commission responded by funding a  
12 1965–66 music touring program involving school districts and a  
13 dozen California orchestras and chamber ensembles; and

14 WHEREAS, The following year the commission held a  
15 symposium at Asilomar in conjunction with the League’s  
16 Conductors’ Workshop, by then an established annual event. The  
17 CAC file shows the 1967 conference “was considered an exciting  
18 and stimulating meeting with all of the sessions well attended”;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In furtherance of classical music, the commission  
21 brought together 46 representatives of the state’s symphony  
22 orchestras at the first State Assembly of California Symphony  
23 Orchestras during the last three days of the American Symphony  
24 Orchestra League’s Conductors’ Workshop at Asilomar in July  
25 1969; and

26 WHEREAS, From a feasibility study, funded by the commission  
27 and presented to orchestra representatives during the Monterey  
28 meeting, came a new self-sustaining organization available to serve  
29 all of California’s symphonies. This new ACSO facilitates the  
30 exchange of artistic and management information, reduction of  
31 operating expenses by arranging cooperative use of artistic  
32 resources, and provides a means of coordinating workshops and  
33 special projects; and

34 WHEREAS, The success of the relationship was evident in  
35 several areas. The commission cosponsored ACSO’s third annual  
36 conference at Monte Corona, Lake Arrowhead in 1971, attended  
37 by 200 orchestra representatives of the state’s 112 community  
38 orchestras. The number of orchestras on record grew by 20, when  
39 the following year the commission helped to underwrite ACSO’s  
40 fourth annual conference in Sacramento for “California’s 132

1 diverse community orchestras,” in 1972. The word “community”  
2 was used to describe an orchestra’s place in the world rather than  
3 its budget or repertoire; and

4 WHEREAS, ACSO has grown in strength to the point that it  
5 can maintain an ongoing program of management workshops,  
6 young artists’ showcases, and consultative services for its  
7 membership; and

8 WHEREAS, ACSO was founded in 1969 by a small group of  
9 orchestra managers, in part, to be an advocacy organization to help  
10 champion public funding for the arts and the creation of the CAC.  
11 The organization then evolved into a full-service organization for  
12 California symphony orchestras in the 1980s. Today it is  
13 recognized as the “go-to” source for professional development in  
14 California and the West; and

15 WHEREAS, ACSO began with 23 orchestra members at its  
16 inception in 1969, and today has over 130 organizational members  
17 and serves a network of nearly 3,000 orchestra board members  
18 and staff throughout California and the Western United States;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, ACSO is the largest state orchestra association in  
21 the United States and serves 90 percent of the viable orchestras in  
22 California; and

23 WHEREAS, ACSO has been consistently funded by the CAC  
24 since 1971 and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts  
25 nearly every year for the past two decades; and

26 WHEREAS, One-third of the ACSO’s membership is made up  
27 of community and small orchestras with budgets under \$500,000,  
28 demonstrating that the ACSO is valued by an often underserved  
29 sector of the classical music field that benefits significantly from  
30 professional development support; and

31 WHEREAS, ACSO’s organizational membership extends  
32 beyond the border of California to include members in Arizona  
33 and Nevada and extends beyond orchestras to include music  
34 festivals and choruses; and

35 WHEREAS, ACSO went from initially being run by an  
36 all-volunteer board to being administered today by two full-time  
37 professional employees and several part-time employees, and is  
38 governed by a 20-plus-member board of directors who are leaders  
39 of arts organizations from throughout California; and

1 WHEREAS, This year, ACSO successfully completed a period  
2 of leadership transition that started in 2016 with the retirement of  
3 the long-time initial executive director of 31 years, Kris Sinclair,  
4 through a pivotal period of identity transformation and strategic  
5 planning under Mitch Menchaca, to Sarah Weber, who is ushering  
6 in the next 50 years of service to its members; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to its annual conference, which is the  
8 jewel in its programmatic crown, ACSO offers a wide portfolio  
9 of professional development programs and services including a  
10 webinar series, annual symposiums for youth orchestras and music  
11 festivals, professional development forums, an annual awards  
12 program, research and technical assistance for our members, and  
13 a robust internet website with digital resources, advocacy alerts,  
14 news from the field, and concert postings; and

15 WHEREAS, ACSO has been managing a small grant program  
16 for the past three decades to support orchestras that want to hire  
17 expert consultants to help them with strategic planning, fundraising  
18 plans, audience development plans, and much more. In that time,  
19 it has funded over 100 orchestras and helped them build their  
20 administrative capacity; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commemorates the 50th  
23 anniversary of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras;  
24 and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 134 (Chu) – As Introduced August 21, 2019

**SUBJECT:** 50th anniversary of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras.

**SUMMARY:** Commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) From the beginning there has been a symbiotic relationship between the Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO), the American Symphony Orchestras League, now called the League of American Orchestras, and state government through the offices of the California Arts Commission (commission), and later, its successor, the California Arts Council (CAC).
- 2) The commission, with Martin Dibner as its first executive director, began holding symposiums around the state featuring celebrated speakers. Three hundred cultural leaders attended the 1965 San Francisco Symposium at which Roger Stevens deplored the fact that numerous school districts in California had abolished music instruction in primary schools in order to save money. The commission responded by funding a 1965–66 music touring program involving school districts and a dozen California orchestras and chamber ensembles.
- 3) ACSO was founded in 1969 by a small group of orchestra managers, in part, to be an advocacy organization to help champion public funding for the arts and the creation of the CAC. The organization then evolved into a full-service organization for California symphony orchestras in the 1980s. Today it is recognized as the “go-to” source for professional development in California and the West.
- 4) ACSO began with 23 orchestra members at its inception in 1969, and today has over 130 organizational members and serves a network of nearly 3,000 orchestra board members and staff throughout California and the Western United States; and, is the largest state orchestra association in the United States and serves 90 percent of the viable orchestras in California.
- 5) ACSO has been consistently funded by the CAC since 1971 and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts nearly every year for the past two decades.
- 6) One-third of the ACSO’s membership is made up of community and small orchestras with budgets under \$500,000, demonstrating that the ACSO is valued by an often underserved sector of the classical music field that benefits significantly from professional development support.
- 7) ACSO went from initially being run by an all-volunteer board to being administered today by two full-time professional employees and several part-time employees, and is governed by a 20-plus-member board of directors who are leaders of arts organizations from throughout California.

- 8) ACSO offers a wide portfolio of professional development programs and services including a webinar series, annual symposiums for youth orchestras and music festivals, professional development forums, an annual awards program, research and technical assistance for members, and a robust internet website with digital resources, advocacy alerts, news from the field, and concert postings.

**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. 135**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Calderon and Gabriel**

August 22, 2019

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 135—Relative to Energy Efficiency Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 135, as introduced, Calderon. Energy Efficiency Day.

This measure would proclaim October 2, 2019, as Energy Efficiency Day in California and would urge Californians to join in supporting California’s climate and clean energy goals by continuing to support and increase energy efficiency efforts in the state now and in the future.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California has long been a leader in  
2 increasing energy efficiency, which is the cheapest, quickest, and  
3 cleanest way to meet the state’s energy needs and climate goals  
4 while reducing utility bills for residential, business, and industrial  
5 customers; and

6 WHEREAS, California adopted the nation’s very first  
7 electricity-usage efficiency standards in the 1970s and, since then,  
8 has cut its fossil fuel use relative to economic activity 18 percent  
9 faster than the rest of the country, thanks to a sustained  
10 commitment to energy efficiency and clean energy policies and  
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS, For decades California energy agencies and utilities  
13 have been providing ways for all Californians to cut their energy  
14 costs and benefit from investments in energy efficiency, avoiding

1 the need to build more than 60 large power plants to serve  
2 customers and saving far greater than \$2,000,000,000 on their  
3 utility bills over the past two decades; and

4 WHEREAS, California's dedication to research, development,  
5 and deployment has led to substantial growth in smart technologies  
6 to cut energy waste, yielding more than \$350 in benefits for every  
7 \$1 invested in research while spurring market innovation; and

8 WHEREAS, While California has been adopting energy  
9 efficiency standards and policies to drive down greenhouse gas  
10 emissions, its population and economy have grown at faster rates  
11 over the past 40 years than have the population and economy of  
12 the country as a whole; and

13 WHEREAS, Smarter energy use reduces the amount of  
14 electricity California—the world's fifth-largest economy—needs  
15 to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that  
16 can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

17 WHEREAS, Targeted assistance to low-income single and  
18 multifamily households offers vital bill savings that can be  
19 redirected to improving the health, comfort, and security of  
20 vulnerable communities; and

21 WHEREAS, Cutting energy waste through appliance and  
22 building energy efficiency over the past 40 years has saved  
23 California consumers well over \$100,000,000,000 on their utility  
24 bills; and

25 WHEREAS, Implementing energy efficiency and other clean  
26 energy policies and programs helps boost economic opportunities  
27 and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable  
28 future; and

29 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 Californians work in the energy  
30 efficiency sector in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that  
31 cannot be outsourced, and increasing efficiency efforts will create  
32 more of those jobs; and

33 WHEREAS, The residents of California can continue to  
34 contribute to the state's energy efficiency efforts by learning about  
35 and participating in smarter energy use at home and at work; and

36 WHEREAS, A nationwide network of energy efficiency groups  
37 and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as the  
38 annual national Energy Efficiency Day; and

39 WHEREAS, Together the residents of California can continue  
40 to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about

1 energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily  
2 lives; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims October  
5 2, 2019, as Energy Efficiency Day in California and urges  
6 Californians to join in supporting our climate and clean energy  
7 goals by continuing to support and increase energy efficiency  
8 efforts in our state now and in the future; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 135 (Calderon) – As Introduced August 22, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Energy Efficiency Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims October 2, 2019, as Energy Efficiency Day in California and urges Californians to join in supporting California's climate and clean energy goals by continuing to support and increase energy efficiency efforts in the state now and in the future. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The State of California has long been a leader in increasing energy efficiency, which is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet the state's energy needs and climate goals while reducing utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers.
- 2) California adopted the nation's very first electricity-usage efficiency standards in the 1970s and, since then, has cut its fossil fuel use relative to economic activity 18 percent faster than the rest of the country, thanks to a sustained commitment to energy efficiency and clean energy policies and programs.
- 3) For decades California energy agencies and utilities have been providing ways for all Californians to cut their energy costs and benefit from investments in energy efficiency, avoiding the need to build more than 60 large power plants to serve customers and saving far greater than \$2,000,000,000 on their utility bills over the past two decades.
- 4) California's dedication to research, development, and deployment has led to substantial growth in smart technologies to cut energy waste, yielding more than \$350 in benefits for every \$1 invested in research while spurring market innovation.
- 5) Smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity California—the world's fifth-largest economy—needs to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate.
- 6) Targeted assistance to low-income single and multifamily households offers vital bill savings that can be redirected to improving the health, comfort, and security of vulnerable communities.
- 7) Cutting energy waste through appliance and building energy efficiency over the past 40 years has saved California consumers well over \$100,000,000,000 on their utility bills; and, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs helps boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future.
- 8) More than 300,000 Californians work in the energy efficiency sector in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that cannot be outsourced, and increasing efficiency efforts will create more of those jobs.

- 9) The residents of California can continue to contribute to the state's energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in smarter energy use at home and at work; and, can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 20, 2019

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

## House Resolution

**No. 10**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Voepel**

January 28, 2019

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House Resolution No. 10—Relative to Military and Veteran Appreciation Month.

1 WHEREAS, The United States of America has called on its  
2 men and women in uniform to protect our national security, to  
3 advance national interests, and to preserve our rights and freedoms;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, From this country's birth in the American  
6 Revolution, more than 45,000,000 people have fought for this  
7 country in its Armed Forces; and

8 WHEREAS, The brave men and women of the United States  
9 Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy,  
10 the United States Air Force, and the United States Coast Guard  
11 have fought with valor, gallantry, and distinction to protect our  
12 ~~country~~; *country*; and

13 WHEREAS, Those who have enlisted or been commissioned  
14 into the United States Armed Forces have made a commitment of  
15 service to this country and volunteered their lives toward the  
16 defense of this nation and its interests; and

17 WHEREAS, There are currently 32 active duty military  
18 installations located in California, which is home to an estimated  
19 190,000 active duty and reserve service members; and

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1 WHEREAS, Today, California is home to nearly two million  
2 veterans of the United States military, more than any other state  
3 in the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, The armistice that ended conflict on the Western  
5 Front during World War I was signed November 11, 1918, and  
6 the occasion was commemorated as Armistice Day; and

7 WHEREAS, In the United States, Armistice Day was renamed  
8 Veterans Day in 1954, with President Dwight D. Eisenhower  
9 proclaiming, “On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices  
10 of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on  
11 foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us  
12 reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace  
13 so that their efforts shall not have been in ~~vain~~,” *vain*”; and

14 WHEREAS, On Veterans Day we recognize the men and women  
15 of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have valiantly  
16 defended these values through our nation’s history; and

17 WHEREAS, On Veterans Day we also remember and pay tribute  
18 to the millions of patriots whose courage and sacrifice have secured  
19 our freedom, beginning with those who suffered through the harsh  
20 winter at Valley Forge to those today who keep the peace and  
21 defend our values around the globe; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
23 Assembly designates the month of November 2019 as Military  
24 and Veteran Appreciation Month to honor the sacrifices that have  
25 been made by honorable men and women in our nation through  
26 their service to this great nation and our great state; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 10 (Voepel) – As Amended August 22, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Military and Veteran Appreciation Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the month of November 2019 as Military and Veteran Appreciation Month to honor the sacrifices that have been made by honorable men and women in our nation through their service to this great nation and our great state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The United States of America has called on its men and women in uniform to protect our national security, to advance national interests, and to preserve our rights and freedoms; and, since this country's birth, more than 45,000,000 people have fought for this country in its Armed Forces.
- 2) The brave men and women of the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, and the United States Coast Guard have fought with valor, gallantry, and distinction to protect our country.
- 3) There are currently 32 active duty military installations located in California, which is home to an estimated 190,000 active duty and reserve service members. Today, California is home to nearly two million veterans of the United States military, more than any other state in the nation.
- 4) The armistice that ended the conflict on the Western Front during World War I was signed November 11, 1918, and the occasion was commemorated as Armistice Day; and, this day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954, with President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaiming, "On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."
- 5) On Veterans Day, we recognize the men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have valiantly defended these values through our nation's history. We also remember and pay tribute to the millions of patriots whose courage and sacrifice have secured our freedom, beginning with those who suffered through the harsh winter at Valley Forge to those today who keep the peace and defend our values around the globe.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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

## House Resolution

No. 58

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Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes

August 19, 2019

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House Resolution No. 58—Relative to Children’s Environmental Health Month 2019.

1 WHEREAS, Children are especially vulnerable to environmental  
2 health issues because they are physiologically very different from  
3 adults and are in a dynamic state of growth. At birth, the human  
4 nervous, respiratory, reproductive, and immune systems are not  
5 yet fully developed, and these systems absorb more air in  
6 proportion to their body weight than do adults. They also have  
7 higher metabolic rates and a higher proportionate intake of food  
8 and liquid than adults. Children also have different behavior  
9 patterns, and therefore, different exposure paths than adults; and  
10 WHEREAS, All children are affected by environmental hazards  
11 because pollution and environmental degradation know no county,  
12 state, regional, or national border. Contaminants are transported  
13 through many media, including air, water, soil, and food throughout  
14 the world. For example, particulate matter released into the air  
15 from internal combustion diesel engines cause many health impacts  
16 on children that live near goods movement corridors, including  
17 increased hospitalizations and emergency department visits for  
18 exacerbated chronic heart and lung disease, including asthma,  
19 increased respiratory symptoms, and decreased lung function in  
20 children with developing lungs. These effects can stay with a child  
21 for their whole lives, and even shorten a child’s lifespan; and

1 WHEREAS, It is an established fact that children living in  
2 poverty and children in disadvantaged communities are at  
3 disproportionate risk for exposure to environmental hazards; and

4 WHEREAS, Many areas of the state most impacted by air  
5 pollution also have the largest populations of children in the state;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The United States has experienced worrisome  
8 increases in certain childhood diseases, disorders, and health  
9 problems, including asthma, autism, obesity, and cancer.  
10 Researchers are working hard to determine to what degree these  
11 increases are linked to environmental exposures; and

12 WHEREAS, The aim of Children's Environmental Health Month  
13 is to raise awareness about the importance of clean air and water,  
14 safe food and consumer products, and healthy environments to  
15 children's health and development; and

16 WHEREAS, Children's Environmental Health Day was created  
17 by the Children's Environmental Health Network and celebrated  
18 for the first time on October 13, 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, Children's Environmental Health Month is  
20 generally observed in October as a means to celebrate progress of  
21 the children's environmental health movement and create a strong  
22 network of child health advocates; and

23 WHEREAS, Children's Environmental Health Month is a  
24 national effort supported by individuals, nonprofit organizations,  
25 and government agencies; and

26 WHEREAS, Children's Environmental Health Month  
27 encourages individuals and organizations to raise awareness and  
28 understanding of children's environmental health issues, seek  
29 improved protections for children, and perform acts of  
30 sustainability or environmental health wellness; and

31 WHEREAS, Together, we can safeguard the health, safety, and  
32 well-being of our children, who are our most precious resource;  
33 now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
35 *Assembly proclaims October 2019 as Children's Environmental*  
36 *Health Month, and affirms that all children have a right to clean*  
37 *air and water, safer food and products, and healthy environments;*  
38 *and be it further*

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

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Date of Hearing: August 26, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 58 (Reyes) – As Introduced August 19, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Children's Environmental Health Month 2019.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims October 2019 as Children's Environmental Health Month, and affirms that all children have a right to clean air and water, safer food and products, and healthy environments. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Children are especially vulnerable to environmental health issues because they are physiologically very different from adults and are in a dynamic state of growth. At birth, the human nervous, respiratory, reproductive, and immune systems are not yet fully developed, and these systems absorb more air in proportion to their body weight than do adults. They also have higher metabolic rates and a higher proportionate intake of food and liquid than adults. Children also have different behavior patterns, and therefore, different exposure paths than adults.
- 2) All children are affected by environmental hazards because pollution and environmental degradation know no county, state, regional, or national border. Contaminants are transported through many media, including air, water, soil, and food throughout the world.
- 3) It is an established fact that children living in poverty and children in disadvantaged communities are at disproportionate risk for exposure to environmental hazards.
- 4) Many areas of the state most impacted by air pollution also have the largest populations of children in the state.
- 5) The United States has experienced worrisome increases in certain childhood diseases, disorders, and health problems, including asthma, autism, obesity, and cancer. Researchers are working hard to determine to what degree these increases are linked to environmental exposures.
- 6) The aim of Children's Environmental Health Month is to raise awareness about the importance of clean air and water, safe food and consumer products, and healthy environments to children's health and development.
- 7) Children's Environmental Health Day was created by the Children's Environmental Health Network and celebrated for the first time on October 13, 2016; and, is generally observed in October as a means to celebrate progress of the children's environmental health movement and create a strong network of child health advocates.
- 8) Children's Environmental Health Month is a national effort supported by individuals, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies; and, encourages individuals and organizations to raise awareness and understanding of children's environmental health issues, seek improved protections for children, and perform acts of sustainability or environmental health wellness.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Alameda County Healthy Homes Coalition  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners  
Brighter Beginnings  
California Brain Tumor Association  
California League of Conservation Voters  
California Public Interest Research Group  
California Safe Schools  
Center for Environmental Health  
Clean Water Action  
Environmental Working Group  
Green and Healthy Homes Initiative  
Seeds of Awareness  
Smart Oakland, Healthy Homes

**Opposition**

None on file

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





August 22, 2019

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

Re: HR 58 – Children’s Environmental Health Month -- Sponsor

Dear Chair Cooley:

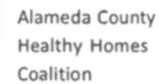
I am writing to express the Environmental Working Group’s support for HR 58, a resolution designating October 2019 as Children’s Environmental Health Month. I am also acknowledging that the Environmental Working Group is the sponsor of this resolution.

The establishment of a Children’s Environmental Health Month in California will help to raise public awareness about the effect of environmental hazards on children’s health. The mounting evidence connecting children’s exposures to environmental contaminants and serious, life-altering health problems continues to grow, confirming that toxic chemicals in air, water and food are having adverse impacts on the well-being of our kids. EWG has long fought against these threats to children’s health, and works to empower parents and all citizens with information on how to avoid toxic exposures in everyday environments.

We urge your committee’s support for HR 58, and thank you in advance for helping to educate the Legislature and citizens of California about hazards, such as lead and other toxicants, in their environment.

Sincerely,

Susan Little  
Senior Advocate  
California Governmental Affairs  
Environmental Working Group



August 21, 2019

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

Re: HR 58 (Reyes) – Children’s Environmental Health Month -- Support

Dear Chair Cooley:

We are writing to express our support for HR 58, a resolution designating October 2019 as Children’s Environmental Health Month.

The establishment of a Children’s Environmental Health Month in California will help to raise public awareness about the effect of environmental hazards on children’s health. The mounting evidence connecting children’s exposures to environmental contaminants and serious, life-altering health problems continues to grow, confirming that toxic chemicals in air, water and food are having adverse impacts on the well-being of our kids.

Today, children in the U.S. are at high risk for chronic disease. The number of children diagnosed with leukemia, the most common cancer in children, has increased by 35 percent over the past 40 years; more than 8 percent of children in the U.S. have asthma; one of every six children is diagnosed with a learning disability; and approximately 16,000 premature births per year in the U.S. are linked to air pollution. Many leading scientists and public health experts believe that exposure to synthetic chemicals are behind the rise in these disease trends. Moreover, children's exposures to hazardous chemicals in outdoor and indoor environments may contribute to increased risk of disease when they are adults.

By designating a Children's Environmental Health Month, the Legislature can work against this troubling trend and affirm that all children have a right to clean air and water, safer food and products, and a healthy environment.

Thank you in advance for your committee's support for this resolution.

Sincerely,

Susan Little  
Senior Advocate  
California Governmental Affairs  
Environmental Working Group (Sponsor)

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California State Director  
Clean Water Action

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Public Health Advocate  
California Public Interest Research Group

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Ruth Ann Norton  
President & CEO  
Green and Healthy Homes Initiative

Stephanie Hayden  
Director, Co-Founder  
Smart Oakland, Healthy Homes

Ellie Marks  
Executive Director  
California Brain Tumor Association

Doug Lerch  
Executive Director  
Seeds of Awareness

Robina Suwol  
Executive Director  
California Safe Schools

Larry Brooks  
Chair  
Alameda County Healthy Homes Coalition

Cc: Assembly Member Reyes

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**Introduced by Senators Bates and Hill**

August 12, 2019

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64—Relative to drug abuse.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 64, as introduced, Bates. Drug abuse awareness.

This measure would designate the month of September 2019 as Opioid, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month, as specified.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Opioids are drugs that act on the nervous system  
2 to conceal pain; and  
3 WHEREAS, Between 2006 and 2012, pharmaceutical companies  
4 produced 76 billion opioids that were distributed in the United  
5 States; and  
6 WHEREAS, In 2017, more than 21 million opioid prescriptions  
7 were written in California; and  
8 WHEREAS, From 1999 to 2017, inclusive, almost 400,000  
9 people died from overdoses related to opioids; and  
10 WHEREAS, In 2017, 47,600 deaths in the United States were  
11 caused by a drug overdose involving opioids; and  
12 WHEREAS, Drug overdoses kill more people in one year than  
13 do the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the United States; and  
14 WHEREAS, The use of fentanyl is on the rise, with nearly seven  
15 times more confiscations of fentanyl from 2012 to 2014, inclusive,  
16 totaling 4,585 in 2014, according to the National Forensic  
17 Laboratory Information System; and

1 WHEREAS, Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and  
2 100 times more powerful than morphine, according to the federal  
3 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

4 WHEREAS, Aggregate annual costs for prescription opioid  
5 overdose, abuse, and dependence were estimated at over \$78.5  
6 billion in 2013; and

7 WHEREAS, Abuse of opioid pain relievers is the strongest risk  
8 factor for heroin abuse; and

9 WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of new heroin users were first  
10 addicted to a legally prescribed prescription opioid; and

11 WHEREAS, Many teens and young adults first use opioids  
12 when they are prescribed to them following an injury or routine  
13 procedure like the removal of wisdom teeth; and

14 WHEREAS, Each day in the United States, 580 people initiate  
15 heroin use; and

16 WHEREAS, Opioid use and misuse can create brain changes  
17 that lead to addiction; and

18 WHEREAS, Most people who are addicted to opioids cannot  
19 taper off, or use less of the drug over time, without help; and

20 WHEREAS, The long-term damage to individuals and families  
21 is highly detrimental; and

22 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
23 recommends nonopioid pharmacologic therapy and if opioids are  
24 used, they should be combined with nonopioid therapy, as  
25 appropriate; and

26 WHEREAS, In 2016, the federal Interagency Pain Research  
27 Coordinating Committee developed a National Pain Strategy,  
28 noting that effective pain care must emphasize shared  
29 decisionmaking, informed pain assessment, and integrated,  
30 multimodal, and interdisciplinary treatment approaches that balance  
31 effectiveness with safety; and

32 WHEREAS, Each year, a week in September is designated as  
33 national Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness  
34 Week; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of  
37 September 2019 as Opioid, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Prescription  
38 Drug Abuse Awareness Month and encourages residents to show  
39 support for opioid and prescription drug awareness; and be it  
40 further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 13, 2019

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 26, 2019

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 10, 2019

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 670**

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**Introduced by Senator McGuire**

**(Principal coauthor: Senator Stern)**

**(Coauthors: Senators Dodd and Nielsen)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bloom, Gallagher, Levine, and Wood)

February 22, 2019

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An act to add Section 53122 to the Government Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 670, as amended, McGuire. Telecommunications: community isolation outage: notification.

Existing provisions of the Warren-911-Emergency Assistance Act, establishes the number "911" as the primary emergency telephone number for use in the state and requires the providing of enhanced service capable of selective routing, automatic number identification, or automatic location identification. The act requires a telephone corporation serving rural telephone areas that cannot provide enhanced 911 emergency telephone service capable of selective routing, automatic number identification, or automatic location identification to present to the Office of Emergency Services a comprehensive plan detailing a schedule by which their facilities will be converted to be compatible with the enhanced emergency telephone system.

This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services, on or before July 1, 2020, to adopt, by regulation, appropriate thresholds for a



community isolation ~~outage~~, *outage*, and *issue a specified notice for that regulation by February 1, 2020*. The bill would, upon the adoption of those regulations, require a provider of telecommunications services, as defined, that provides access to 911 service to notify the office, as provided, whenever a community isolation outage ~~occurs~~ limiting the provider's customers' ability to make 911 calls or receive emergency ~~notifications~~, *notifications occurs*, within 60 minutes of discovering the outage. The bill would make the office responsible for notifying any applicable county office of emergency services and the sheriff of any county affected by the outage. The bill would require the community isolation outage notification to the office to include the telecommunications service provider's contact name, a calling number to be staffed as specified, ~~and a description of the estimated area affected~~ *affected*, and the approximate communities affected by the outage. The bill would require the telecommunications service provider to notify the office of the estimated time to repair the outage and when service is restored. The bill would require the office, except as provided, to keep the community isolation outage notifications confidential.

Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 53122 is added to the Government Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 53122. (a) For purposes of this section, the following
- 4 definitions apply:
- 5 (1) "Office" means the Office of Emergency Services.
- 6 (2) "Telecommunications service" has the same meaning as
- 7 defined in Section 2892.1 of the Public Utilities Code, but does
- 8 not include voice communication provided by a provider of satellite
- 9 telephone service.
- 10 (b) (1) On or before July 1, 2020, the office, by regulation, shall
- 11 adopt appropriate thresholds for determining whether a

telecommunications service outage constitutes a community isolation outage based on the number of customers affected by the outage and the risks to public health and safety resulting from the outage.

(2) ~~The adoption of~~ *In adopting* regulations pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be deemed to be an emergency and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare for purposes of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2. The office may adopt, amend, repeal, or readopt the regulations as emergency regulations in accordance with that Chapter 3.5 and is exempt from the requirements of subdivision (b) of Section 11346.1 for these purposes. *(1), the office shall comply with the rulemaking process in Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2, and issue, on or before February 1, 2020, the notice required by Section 11346.5.*

(3) *Notwithstanding any other law, the office may issue emergency regulations in accordance with the process in Section 11346.1 if necessary to meet the deadline in paragraph (1).*

(c) Upon the adoption of regulations pursuant to subdivision (b), all providers of telecommunications service that provide access to 911 service shall notify the office whenever a community isolation outage occurs that limits their customers' ability to make 911 calls or receive emergency notifications. The community isolation outage notification shall be provided within 60 minutes of discovery of the outage by the provider, and the office shall be responsible for notifying any applicable county office of emergency services and the sheriff of any county affected by the outage. The community isolation outage notification to the office shall be by a medium specified by the office, and shall include the telecommunications service provider's contact name and calling number and a description of the estimated area affected by the outage and the approximate communities, including cities, counties, and regions, affected by the outage. The telecommunications services provider shall also notify the office by a medium specified by the office of both of the following:

(1) The estimated time to repair the outage.

(2) When achieved, the restoration of service.

(d) The telecommunications service provider shall ensure that the calling number provided to the office with the community

1 isolation outage notification is staffed by the indicated contact  
2 person, or by another contact person designated by the indicated  
3 contact person in the event the indicated contact person is  
4 unavailable. The contact person or designated person shall respond  
5 to inquiries about the outage at all times until the provider notifies  
6 the office that service has been restored.

7 (e) Except as provided in subdivision (c), the office shall keep  
8 community isolation outage notifications confidential and shall  
9 not disclose the contents of the notifications.

10 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of  
11 this act, which adds Section 53122 to the Government Code,  
12 imposes a limitation on the public's right of access to the meetings  
13 of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies  
14 within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California  
15 Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the  
16 Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest  
17 protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

18 The Federal Communications Commission has stated that  
19 telecommunications outage reports contain "sensitive data, which  
20 requires confidential treatment" because the data "could be used  
21 by hostile parties to attack those [telecommunications] networks,  
22 which are part of our Nation's critical information infrastructure"  
23 (In the Matter of New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules  
24 Concerning Disruptions to Communications (Aug. 19, 2004, FCC  
25 04-188)), and the Public Utilities Commission already treats  
26 information regarding telecommunications outages submitted to  
27 the commission as confidential. Therefore, the Legislature finds  
28 that the interest in public disclosure of contemporaneous  
29 telecommunications outage information submitted to the Office  
30 of Emergency Services is outweighed by the interest in protecting  
31 public safety.

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# California State Senate

## SENATOR MIKE MCGUIRE

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



August 22, 2019

Chairman Ken Cooley  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
California State Capitol, Room 3061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Urgency Clause Request – SB 670 (McGuire): 911 Emergency Reliability and Public Safety Act**

Dear Chairman Cooley:

I respectfully request your approval for an urgency clause to my SB 670, would require CalOES to set thresholds through emergency regulations for when providers of telecommunication services would need to report an outage of 911 service or affecting alerting and warning capabilities. Those regulations would need to be complete by July 1, 2020.

Currently, when telecommunications services go down—affecting 911 service or the ability for emergency officials to send emergency alerts—telecommunication companies are not required to report real-time information about the location of the outage, how many individuals are affected, and when the estimated time for repair is. They are required to submit an after-incident report, which doesn't help millions who are in harm's way.

Further, while there is a general reporting threshold for large outages to the FCC, that outage information is not provided to CalOES or local offices of emergency services. Californians cannot afford to be without the most up-to-date information during times of disaster. Failure to report outages affecting 911 service or emergency alerting capabilities can wreak havoc on communities and puts the public's safety at risk.

This bill would go into effect immediately to make sure the Office of Emergency Services has as much time as possible to create regulations addressing community isolation service outages, which can endanger the public by limiting the public's ability to make 911 calls or receive emergency alerts. Without an urgency clause, there may be insufficient time for CalOES to complete regulations prior to the 2020 fire season.

Warmest Regards,



MIKE MCGUIRE  
Senator



**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
ASSEMBLY CONTRIBUTION FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE**

**Issue:**

Should the maximum amount the Assembly contributes for the cost of employees' medical insurance coverage be increased to cover the cost of the monthly premiums for the most popular plans effective January 1, 2020?

**Background:**

The Assembly Rules Committee establishes the maximum monthly employer contribution toward the cost of employees' medical insurance premiums.

The California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) contracts with the insurance carriers offering plans available to Assembly employees. Premiums for the plans in which Assembly employees are enrolled will increase between 2% and 18% effective January 1, 2020.

By increasing the Assembly's current maximum employer contribution rate by 12%, the employer contribution will cover the full cost of the premiums for the medical insurance plans in which a majority of employees are enrolled.

**Recommendation:**

Approve.