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Thursday, August 27, 2015  
8:50 AM  
State Capitol, Room 3162

CONSENT AGENDA

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## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

08/27/2015

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[SCR 84](#)

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 8/26/2015  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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

**House Resolution**

**No. 29**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Campos**

August 19, 2015

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House Resolution No. 29—Relative to Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Each year in the United States, over 20,000 women  
2 are diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and about 14,500 women die  
3 of this disease; and

4 WHEREAS, If diagnosed and treated at an early stage before  
5 the cancer spreads outside of the ovary, the treatment is potentially  
6 less costly, and the five-year survival rate is higher, at  
7 approximately 70 percent. However, fewer than 20 percent of  
8 ovarian cancer patients are diagnosed early. An overwhelming 80  
9 percent of all ovarian cancer patients are diagnosed at advanced  
10 stages; and

11 WHEREAS, Although mortality rates for other cancers have  
12 been reduced due to the capabilities of early detection and enhanced  
13 treatments, ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other  
14 cancer of the female reproductive system. Unfortunately, women  
15 with ovarian cancer do not share the luxury of early detection. This  
16 cancer is among the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers; and

17 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer has been predicted to reach  
18 epidemic proportions as the population ages because advancing  
19 age is one of the known risk factors for the development of ovarian  
20 cancer. About 90 percent of women who get ovarian cancer are  
21 older than 40 years of age, with the greatest number of cases  
22 occurring in women 60 years of age or older; and

1 WHEREAS, The symptoms of ovarian cancer are vague and  
2 not well known by the public. While ovarian cancer is the ninth  
3 most common cancer among the female population, it is the fifth  
4 leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women; and

5 WHEREAS, When ovarian cancer is found in its early stages,  
6 treatment works best. Ovarian cancer often causes signs and  
7 symptoms, so it is important for women to pay attention to their  
8 bodies and know what is normal for them. Symptoms may be  
9 caused by something other than cancer, but the only way to know  
10 is for women to see their doctor, nurse, or other health care  
11 professional; and

12 WHEREAS, It is critical for women, physicians, and all health  
13 care providers to recognize the risk factors and symptoms of  
14 gynecologic cancers and to remember the importance of early  
15 detection in preventing and treating this disease; and

16 WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the citizens of the State of  
17 California to work together as concerned people to increase  
18 research in understanding the causes, finding effective screening  
19 and prevention strategies, and developing improved therapies for  
20 ovarian cancers; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
22 Assembly hereby recognizes the month of September 2015, and  
23 every September thereafter, as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month  
24 throughout the State of California, and encourages and promotes  
25 the efforts of the people and the health care practitioners of the  
26 state to increase their awareness of this disease and to educate  
27 themselves about its early detection and prevention, the risk factors  
28 involved in its development, and the early warning symptoms and  
29 signs; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 27, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard Gordon, Chair  
HR 29 (Campos) – As Introduced August 19, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the month of September 2015, and every September thereafter, as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month throughout the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Each year in the United States, over 20,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and about 14,500 women die of this disease.
- 2) The symptoms of ovarian cancer are vague and not well known by the public and while ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among female population, it is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women.
- 3) Ovarian cancer has been predicted to reach epidemic proportions as the population ages because advancing age is one of the known risk factors for the development of ovariaa cancer. About 90 percent of women who get ovarian cancer are older than 40 years of age, with the greatest number of cases occurring in women 60 years of age or older.
- 4) It is critical for women, physicians, and all health care providers to recognize the risk factors and symptoms of gynecologic cancers and to remember the importance of early detection in preventing and treating the disease.

**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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Introduced by Senator McGuire

July 13, 2015

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 82—Relative to California Runaway and Homeless Youth Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 82, as introduced, McGuire. California Runaway and Homeless Youth Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of November 2015 as California Runaway and Homeless Youth Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth are young people  
2 between 12 and 24 years of age who have the least access to  
3 essential opportunities and supports; and  
4 WHEREAS, The prevalence of runaways and homelessness  
5 among youth is staggering, with studies suggesting that nationally  
6 between 1.6 million and 2.8 million youth up to 24 years of age  
7 experience homelessness every year, of which an  
8 overrepresentation is, compared to the general youth population,  
9 gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender; and  
10 WHEREAS, Based on national surveys and California's youth  
11 population, an estimated 200,000 youth under 18 years of age, and  
12 thousands more who are 18 to 24 years of age, are homeless for  
13 one or more days each year; and  
14 WHEREAS, Based on the latest McKinney-Vento report from  
15 the California Department of Education, 297,617 youth in  
16 California, including unaccompanied youth and youth with their  
17 families who lack stable housing, from kindergarten through grade

1 12 experienced homelessness at least one day out of the year during  
2 the 2013–2014 school year, a 10 percent increase over the previous  
3 academic year, and an 18 percent increase over the previous two  
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth flee conflict, abuse,  
6 neglect, or, increasingly, poverty in their homes. They have become  
7 disconnected from educational systems and the workforce, and do  
8 not have the skills and financial resources to live on their own.  
9 The factors impacting youth homelessness are complex and differ  
10 from those impacting other homeless populations; and

11 WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth who live on the  
12 street are victims of physical abuse, sexual exploitation, and crime  
13 in untold numbers. An estimated 300,000 youth are either victims,  
14 or at risk of becoming victims, of the commercial sexual  
15 exploitation of children each year, of which 60 percent of these  
16 victimized children are homeless; and

17 WHEREAS, These youths are on the street because they feel  
18 there are no other options open to them; and

19 WHEREAS, The percentage of unaccompanied homeless minors  
20 who are unsheltered in California stands at 79.2 percent, which is  
21 the second highest in the country; and

22 WHEREAS, The number of emergency shelter beds available  
23 to homeless youth has dropped from 587 beds in 1990 to 555 beds  
24 in 2010, as of the last comprehensive survey; and

25 WHEREAS, Youths who “age out” of the foster care system  
26 are at an increased risk of homelessness, and represent an estimated  
27 20 percent of the 20,000 youth who leave foster care and are  
28 currently homeless; and

29 WHEREAS, Providing safe, stable, and permanent housing for  
30 runaway and homeless youth is a family, community, state, and  
31 national priority; and

32 WHEREAS, The future well-being of our state depends on the  
33 value we place on our youth, and, in particular, on our actions to  
34 provide the most vulnerable young people in the state with  
35 opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills, and abilities they  
36 need to find and maintain stable housing and develop into healthy  
37 and productive adults; and

38 WHEREAS, The number of effective programs providing  
39 services and support to runaway and homeless youth in California  
40 is a fraction of what is needed to fully address the needs of these



1 young people as only 20 out of California's 58 counties have  
2 programs for runaway and homeless youth; and

3 WHEREAS, The California Coalition for Youth has operated  
4 the California Youth Crisis Line (1-800-843-5200), 24 hours a  
5 day, seven days a week, for over 27 years as the state's only  
6 emergency response system for youth in crisis; and

7 WHEREAS, November is National Runaway and Homeless  
8 Youth Awareness Month; and

9 WHEREAS, The California Coalition for Youth, along with  
10 other community-based organizations, providers, and advocates,  
11 is sponsoring California's fifth annual Runaway and Homeless  
12 Youth Month to increase awareness and action on behalf of youth  
13 at risk or currently living on the street; and

14 WHEREAS, Awareness of the tragedy of youth homelessness  
15 and its causes must be heightened to ensure greater support for  
16 effective programs aimed at preventing homelessness and helping  
17 youth remain off the streets; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the need for  
20 individuals, schools, communities, businesses, local governments,  
21 and the state to take action on behalf of runaway and homeless  
22 youth in California; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates the month of  
24 November 2015 as California Runaway and Homeless Youth  
25 Month; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 27, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard Gordon, Chair  
SCR 82 (McGuire) – As Introduced July 13, 2015

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** California Runaway and Homeless Youth Month.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the month of November 2015 as California Runaway and Homeless Youth Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Runaway and homeless youth are young people between 12 and 24 years of age who have the least access to essential opportunities and supports.
- 2) Runaway and homeless youth flee conflict, abuse, neglect, or, increasingly, poverty in their homes. They have become disconnected from educational systems and the workforce, and do not have the skills and financial resources to live on their own. The factors impacting youth homelessness are complex and differ from those impacting other homeless populations.
- 3) Runaway and homeless youth who live on the street are victims of physical abuse, sexual exploitation, and crime in untold numbers. An estimated 300,000 youth are either victims, or at risk of becoming victims, of the commercial sexual exploitation of children each year, of which 60 percent of these victimized children are homeless.
- 4) Youths who “age out” of the foster care system are at an increased risk of homelessness, and represent an estimated 20 percent of the 20,000 youth who leave foster care and are currently homeless.
- 5) Providing safe, stable, and permanent housing for runaway and homeless youth is a family, community, state, and national priority.
- 6) The future well-being of our state depends on the value we place on our youth, and, in particular, on our actions to provide the most vulnerable young people in the state with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills, and abilities they need to find and maintain stable housing and develop into healthy and productive adults.
- 7) The number of effective programs providing services and support to runaway and homeless youth in California is a fraction of what is needed to fully address the needs of these young people as only 20 out of California’s 58 counties have programs for runaway and homeless youth.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Coalition for Youth

**Opposition**

None on file

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

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August 26, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3013  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SCR 82 (McGuire) – California Runaway & Homeless Youth Month**  
**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

On behalf of the California Coalition for Youth (CCY), I would like to urge you to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 82 (McGuire), which would establish November 2015 as the California Runaway & Homeless Youth Month. We are pleased to lend our support and sponsor this resolution. Nationally, November was officially declared National Runaway & Homeless Youth Month by the United States Congress on July 11, 2007.

Our organization is a thirty-five year old grassroots non-profit organization located in Sacramento that, as a statewide coalition, takes positions on and advocates for public policies, programs, and services that empower and improve the lives of all California's youth ages 12-24. The Coalition represents disadvantaged and disconnected youth and youth-serving community agencies throughout California. Our coalition acts as a voice for youth by advocating for public policies, programs, and services that respect, empower, and protect the rights of all youth.

Additionally, we operate the California Youth Crisis Line (CYCL), a state-mandated program under the Office of Emergency Services. The CYCL is a 24-hour hotline for youth, ages 12-24, to call when they are in crisis or when they just need someone to talk to. The CYCL provides crisis intervention counseling on many issues including family issues, sexual assault, eating disorders, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, suicide and more. The CYCL receives over 24,000 calls a year, many of which are calls asking for referrals to homeless shelters for youth and young adults.

This resolution is important to raise the awareness about the issues runaway and homeless youth face as well as educate the public about solutions aimed at preventing youth from running away from home. Almost 300,000 youth up to the age of 18 and many thousands more between the ages of 18 to 24 are or have been homeless over the past year. Research has shown that homeless youth and young adults are at great risk for physical abuse, sexual exploitation, mental health disabilities, chemical or alcohol dependency, and death. The cost of youth homelessness to the State of California is considerable, while the number of effective programs providing services and support to runaway and homeless youth in California is a fraction of what is needed to fully address the needs of these young people.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support and sponsor this resolution, SCR 82, and urge you to allow this resolution to move to the Assembly Floor.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Curtis, Executive Director  
California Coalition for Youth

cc: Members and Staff of the Assembly Rules Committee  
Senator Mike McGuire

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**Introduced by Senators Wolk and Galgiani**

**(Principal coauthor: Senator Cannella)**

**(Coauthor: Senator Berryhill)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cooper, Dodd, Gallagher, Irwin, and  
Levine)

July 16, 2015

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 83—Relative to the International  
Year of Soils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 83, as introduced, Wolk. International Year of Soils.

This measure would declare 2015 as the International Year of Soils, and recognize the importance of healthy soils as a critical resource supplying an abundance of food, diverse habitats, water storage, and climate resiliency.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For more than 60 consecutive years, California  
2 has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing  
3 more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for  
4 approximately 50 percent of the nation's supply of fruits,  
5 vegetables, and nuts; and  
6 WHEREAS, Ninety-five percent of our food is directly or  
7 indirectly produced on our soils and the essential nutrients they  
8 contain; and  
9 WHEREAS, It can take up to 1,000 years to form one centimeter  
10 of soil, and, with 33 percent of all global soil resources degraded,  
11 critical limits are being reached, making stewardship an urgent  
12 matter; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the Food and Agriculture  
2 Organization of the United Nations, more than 805 million people  
3 across the globe face hunger and malnutrition, and future  
4 population growth will require an approximate 60 percent increase  
5 in food production; and

6 WHEREAS, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
7 United Nations launched the International Year of Soils on World  
8 Soil Day, December 5, 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, On January 6, 2015, the United States Department  
10 of Agriculture began its celebration of the International Year of  
11 Soils to highlight the importance of healthy soils for food security,  
12 ecosystems functions, and resilient farms and ranches; and

13 WHEREAS, California has launched its Healthy Soils Initiative  
14 and is pioneering efforts to incentivize building soil organic matter  
15 and provide research, education, and technical support to facilitate  
16 healthy soils and ensuring interagency coordination and  
17 collaboration; and

18 WHEREAS, Ensuring healthier soils by increasing the carbon  
19 content and soil organic matter can help enhance the long-term  
20 sustainability of California agriculture and its resiliency to climate  
21 change; and

22 WHEREAS, Improved soil health increases soil's water holding  
23 capacity and water infiltration rate, which can help optimize the  
24 management of California's scarce water supply; and

25 WHEREAS, Increasing soil health helps to improve food crop  
26 yields, help to increase soil fertility and the ability to hold plant  
27 nutrients and water, supports beneficial biological microbial  
28 diversity and populations, reduces soil erosion, and can be used  
29 to reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases by sequestering carbon;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, The building of soil organic matter can be  
32 supported by several management practices, including, but not  
33 limited to, minimal soil disturbance, residue soil cover, the use of  
34 cover crops, and the utilization of compost; and

35 WHEREAS, In 1997, the California Legislature enacted SB 389  
36 (Monteith), Chapter 331, Statutes of 1997, commemorating  
37 completion of the state's most comprehensive soil inventory by  
38 designating San Joaquin Soil as the official State Soil; and

39 WHEREAS, We recognize the essential role of all of  
40 California's soils in supporting a thriving California economy and

1 healthy environment and ensuring a sustainable and food secure  
2 future; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
5 hereby declares 2015 as the International Year of Soils; and be it  
6 further

7 *Resolved*, That on the occasion of the International Year of Soils,  
8 the Legislature recognizes the importance of healthy soils as a  
9 critical resource supplying an abundance of food, diverse habitats,  
10 water storage, and climate resiliency; and be it further

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

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Date of Hearing: August 27, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Richard Gordon, Chair  
SCR 83 (Wolk) – As Introduced July 16, 2015

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** International Year of Soils.

**SUMMARY:** Declares 2015 as the International Year of Soils, and recognizes the importance of healthy soils as a critical resource supplying an abundance of food, diverse habitats, water storage, and climate resiliency. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) For more than 60 consecutive years, California has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for approximately 50% of the nation's supply of fruits, vegetables, and nuts.
- 2) Ninety-five percent of our food is directly or indirectly produced on our soils and the essential nutrients they contain.
- 3) California has launched its Healthy Soils Initiative and is pioneering efforts to incentivize building soil organic matter and provide research, education, and technical support to facilitate healthy soils and ensuring interagency coordination and collaboration.
- 4) Ensuring healthier soils by increasing the carbon content and soil organic matter can help enhance the long-term sustainability of California agriculture and its resiliency to climate change.
- 5) Improved soil health increases soil's water holding capacity and water infiltration rate, which can help optimize the management of California's scarce water supply.
- 6) Increasing soil health helps to improve food crop yields, help to increase soil fertility and the ability to hold plant nutrients and water, supports beneficial biological microbial diversity and populations, reduces soil erosion, and can be used to reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases by sequestering carbon.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Biosafety Alliance  
California State Guild  
Sacramento Community Grange

**Opposition**



None on file

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

## SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY GRANGE

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August 24, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon, Chairman  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
Room 3016, State Capitol  
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Support: SCR 83 (Wolk/Galgiani) - Declaring 2015 as the International Year of Soils

Dear Chairman Gordon:

The Sacramento Community Grange is pleased to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 83 (Wolk/Galgiani), declaring 2015 as the International Year of Soils in California, acknowledging the action taken on January 6, 2015 by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) making that same declaration. We understand that the International Year of Soils is a 2015 campaign intended to bring attention to the critical role soil plays in food production, water quality, climate change, farm and ranch resiliency and sustainable ecosystems.

The Sacramento Community Grange is one of 185 local granges across California with a combined membership of approximately 10,000 with missions including providing support to local producers and the local economy.

Farmers have a long term investment in their chief asset – their land. We believe it is highly appropriate that the California State Legislature recognizes the need for raising full awareness by California citizens and decision makers about the fundamental role of soil for human life and the critical impact of soil health on food security and sustainable agriculture.

The Sacramento Community Grange urges that the important topic of moving California toward ecologically sustainable agriculture, including reductions in use of chemically based weed management systems, be a focus of dialogue in events and activities related to this International Year of Soils.

Although scientific understanding of soil has advanced significantly, soil and fertile land is now being lost at an alarming rate due to erosion, urbanization and unsustainable farming practices. We are at a critical juncture in terms of our regional, state and national capacity to further study soil processes with focused attention to the implications of soil stewardship and ecologically sustainable agriculture for societal well-being and mitigation of climate change.

There is a growing awareness about the role that soils have in global challenges such as water and food security as well as biodiversity and human health. We commend Senators Lois Wolk (D) Davis, and Cathleen Galgiani (D), Stockton, for jointly introducing SCR 83 to increase focused dialogue and study

The Honorable Richard S. Gordon

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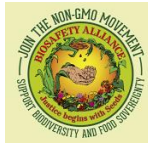
August 24, 2015

regarding the net results of human impacts on our soil in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and effects on human security for centuries to come.

Best regards,

RICHARD CUNY, President  
Sacramento Community Grange

cc: The Honorable Lois Wolk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District  
The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture  
The Honorable Toni Atkins, Speaker of the Assembly



Miguel Robles, Project Director  
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August 24, 2015

The Honorable Richard Gordon, Chairman  
Assembly Committee on Rules  
Room 3016, State Capitol  
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Support: SCR 83 (Wolk/Galgiani) - Declaring 2015 as the International Year of Soils

Dear Chairman Gordon:

The Biosafety Alliance is pleased to sponsor and support Senate Concurrent Resolution 83 (Wolk/Galgiani), declaring 2015 as the International Year of Soils in California, acknowledging the action taken on January 6, 2015 by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) making that same declaration. The International Year of Soils is a 2015 campaign intended to bring attention to the critical role soil plays in food production, water quality, climate change, farm and ranch resiliency and sustainable ecosystems.

As California leads all other states in farm income and is positioned as the agricultural powerhouse of the nation, it is appropriate that the California State Legislature recognizes the need for raising full awareness by California citizens and decision makers about the fundamental role of soil for human life and the critical impact of soil health on food security and sustainable agriculture.

More precious than oil, soil has no substitute and, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, it can take up to 1,000 years to form one centimeter of soil. Although scientific understanding of soil has advanced significantly, soil and fertile land is now being lost at an alarming rate due to erosion, urbanization and unsustainable farming practices. We are at a critical juncture in terms of our regional, state and national capacity to further study soil processes with focused attention to the implications of soil stewardship and ecologically sustainable agriculture for societal well-being and mitigation of climate change.

There is a growing awareness about the role that soils have in global challenges such as water and food security as well as biodiversity and human health. The Biosafety Alliance applauds Senators Lois Wolk (D) Davis, and Cathleen Galgiani (D), Stockton, for jointly introducing SCR 83 to increase focused dialogue and study concerning the net results of human impacts on our soil in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and effects on human security for centuries to come.

Best regards,

Miguel Robles  
Project Director, Biosafety Alliance

cc: The Honorable Lois Wolk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District  
The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani, Chair, Senate Agriculture Committee  
The Honorable Toni Atkins, Speaker of the Assembly



# CSG

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August 25, 2015

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

Support: SCR 83 (Wolk/Galgiani) - Declaring 2015 as the International Year of Soils

Dear Chairman Gordon:

CSG (formerly California State Grange) is pleased to sponsor and support Senate Concurrent Resolution 83 (Wolk/Galgiani), declaring 2015 as the International Year of Soils in California, acknowledging the action taken on January 6, 2015 by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) making that same declaration. The International Year of Soils is a 2015 campaign intended to bring attention to the critical role soil plays in food production, water quality, climate change, farm and ranch resiliency and sustainable ecosystems.

As California leads all other states in farm income and is positioned as the agricultural powerhouse of the nation, it is appropriate that the California State Legislature recognizes the need for raising full awareness by California citizens and decision makers about the fundamental role of soil for human life and the critical impact of soil health on food security and sustainable agriculture.

More precious than oil, soil has no substitute and, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, it can take up to 1,000 years to form one centimeter of soil. Although scientific understanding of soil has advanced significantly, soil and fertile land is now being lost at an alarming rate due to erosion, urbanization and unsustainable farming practices. We are at a critical juncture in terms of our regional, state and national capacity to further study soil processes with focused attention to the implications of soil stewardship and ecologically sustainable agriculture for societal well-being and mitigation of climate change.

There is a growing awareness about the role that soils have in global challenges such as water and food security as well as biodiversity and human health. The California State Guild (CSG) applauds

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Senators Lois Wolk (D) Davis, and Cathleen Galgiani (D), Stockton, for jointly introducing SCR 83 to increase focused dialogue and study concerning the net results of human impacts on our soil in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and effects on human security for centuries to come.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob McFarland", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob McFarland, President  
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cc: The Honorable Lois Wolk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District  
The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture  
The Honorable Toni Atkins, Speaker of the Assembly

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 8/26/2015  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals - Second Extraordinary Session

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

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