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Wednesday, January 3, 2018
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: 12/20/17
Re: Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, AB 1673 has been removed from the referrals.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

01/03/2018

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

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>AB 1013</u>	B. & P.
<u>AB 1733</u>	PUB. S.
<u>AB 1733</u>	B. & P.
<u>ACR 135</u>	TRANS.
<u>ACR 137</u>	NAT. RES.
<u>SCA 9</u>	REV. & TAX.
<u>SCA 9</u>	APPR.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

01/03/2018

The Committee on Rules has re-referred the following bills to Committee:

Assembly Bill No.

Committee:

AB 1531

JUD.

*AB 1552

J., E.D., & E.

**AB 1552

U. & E.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 134

Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hueso)

September 1, 2017

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134—Relative to Gang Awareness and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 134, as amended, Eduardo Garcia. Gang Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would designate the month of January 2018 as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month in the State of California and would encourage cities and constituents across the state to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to prevent future gang activity and honor those who lost their lives due to gang activity.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Gang violence is responsible for an average of
2 2,000 gang-related homicides each year, according to 2007 to 2012
3 data from the National Youth Gang Center, which causes a concern
4 for Californians everywhere; and

5 WHEREAS, The solution to gang violence is found in the
6 acknowledgment that gangs exist, pose a real and present danger
7 to public safety, ruin lives, destroy families, target youth who are

1 vulnerable, and can take the lives of innocent victims unaffiliated
2 with gang activity; and

3 WHEREAS, Californians everywhere must work together to
4 ensure first responders do not have to respond to crime scenes and
5 dying victims in dangerous surroundings where they can become
6 the next target; and

7 WHEREAS, Local communities need to learn and understand
8 that gang affiliation and activity is preventable. The solution to
9 gang violence is within every Californian. Californians have the
10 will, courage, and inner strength to stand up to their moral
11 obligation as citizens of their community to help by deterring youth
12 and their families from violence by educating them how to form
13 stronger family bonds. Everyone has the potential leadership skills,
14 creativity, and determination to guide those communities that have
15 been afflicted with generations of gang culture to an alternative
16 path by partnering with youth gang intervention programs that
17 would create change for the betterment of their future and in the
18 fight for a gang-free community; and

19 WHEREAS, The Mothers & Men Against Gangs Coalition
20 (MAG Coalition) is an example of an organization formed to
21 prevent gang activity by providing awareness to diminish gang
22 violence throughout the State of California; and

23 WHEREAS, MAG Coalition was founded in January 2013 by
24 the Garza family and the community of a young innocent teenager,
25 Martin Alberto Garza, who lost his life due to senseless gang
26 violence but whose legacy is changing lives; and

27 WHEREAS, It is essential to continue to work together by
28 actively organizing events to prevent gang violence and to
29 encourage entities to be involved in gang prevention education
30 that can influence the youth through outreach presentations,
31 teaching the principles of nonviolence, establish programs that
32 will have continuity as times change, and organize events in order
33 to help diminish the number of gang-related crimes and deaths;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Californians realize it is evident that prevention
36 efforts add immeasurably to the health and safety of their
37 ~~community~~ communities and should be encouraged and supported
38 by all essential community groups. Californians everywhere will
39 stand together and honor those ~~that~~ who have lost their lives due
40 to gang activity, use their legacy to bond together, use their story

1 to voice awareness, and ultimately create a paradigm shift in the
2 minds of their youth and their families. Each Californian has a
3 right to live in a safe gang-free neighborhood without fearing for
4 his or her life or his or her family members' lives. Concerned
5 parents, youth, community groups, businesses, churches, and
6 educators should accept this challenge to stop gangs by building
7 a better future for their children and for the nation and protect the
8 right to live safe and free; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of California expresses its strong public
10 support for all gang awareness and prevention efforts underway
11 across the state and appreciates the work being done by groups
12 and individuals to rid their communities of gangs and change lives
13 by advocating for safer communities and fostering gang prevention
14 efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, Gang Awareness and Prevention Month is an initial
16 step to rid our communities of gangs, change lives, and teach
17 students how to organize peacefully like the leader Dr. Martin
18 Luther King, Jr.; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
21 month of January 2018 as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month
22 in the State of California; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages cities and constituents
24 across the state to observe the month with appropriate programs,
25 ceremonies, and activities to prevent future gang activity and honor
26 those who lost their lives due to gang activity; 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: January 3, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ken Cooley, Chair

ACR 134 (Eduardo Garcia) – As Amended September 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Gang Awareness and Prevention Month

SUMMARY: Designates the month of January 2018 as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month in California and encourages cities and constituents across the state to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to prevent future gang activity and honor those who lost their lives due to gang activity. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Gang violence is responsible for an average of 2,000 gang-related homicides each year, according to data from the National Youth Gang Center, which causes a concern for Californians everywhere.
- 2) Californians must work together to ensure first responders do not have to respond to crime scenes and dying victims in dangerous surroundings where they can become the next target.
- 3) Local communities need to learn and understand that gang affiliation and activity is preventable. The solution to gang violence is within every Californian. Californians have the will, courage, and inner strength to stand up to their moral obligation as citizens of their community to help by deterring youth and their families from violence by educating them how to form stronger family bonds.
- 4) The Mothers & Men Against Gang Violence (MAG Coalition) is an example of an organization formed to prevent gang activity by providing awareness to diminish gang violence throughout the State of California
- 5) It is essential to continue to work together by actively organizing events to prevent gang violence and to encourage entities to be involved in gang prevention education that can influence the youth through outreach presentations, teaching the principles of nonviolence, establish programs that will have continuity as times change, and organize events in order to help diminish the number of gang-related crimes and deaths.
- 6) The State of California expresses its strong public support for all gang awareness and prevention efforts underway across the state and appreciates the work being done by groups and individuals to rid their communities of gangs and change lives by advocating for safer communities and fostering gang prevention efforts.
- 7) Gang Awareness and Prevention Month is an initial step to rid our communities of gangs, change lives, and teach students how to organize peacefully like the leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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