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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly ~~Members Beall~~ and *Member Torlakson*

March 25, 2010

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 39—Relative to common-core state education standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 39, as amended, ~~Beall~~ *Torlakson*. Common-core state education standards.

This measure would call upon the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers to develop common core state standards in the core academic disciplines of English-language arts, mathematics, history-social science, and science and request that they replicate the process used to develop English-language arts and mathematics common core state standards to now develop common core state standards for social studies and science *and examine the viability of developing common standards in foreign language, the arts, physical education, career technical education, and other subject areas.*

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Public schools were purposely created to prepare
2 young people to become educated, responsible, participating
3 citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, The common core state standards initiative is a
5 significant and historic opportunity for states to collectively
6 accelerate and drive education reform toward the ultimate goal of

1 all pupils graduating from high school ready for college, work,
2 and success in the global economy; and

3 WHEREAS, All pupils across our great nation deserve to have
4 access to high quality social studies and science education that
5 will provide them with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to
6 become responsible and informed citizens with a strong curiosity
7 of the physical world around them; and

8 WHEREAS, Each new generation of pupils must be equipped
9 with the knowledge of history, geography, economics, and
10 government, skills needed to make informed decisions about
11 complex public issues, attitudes that support democratic practices,
12 commitment to engage in civic life, a strong understanding of the
13 physical world, including biology, chemistry, geology, astronomy
14 and physics, and a firm grasp of the scientific method of discovery;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
17 *California, jointly, That the California State Legislature, to ensure*
18 *the future of America and our democratic institutions, calls upon*
19 *the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State*
20 *School Officers to develop common core state standards in the*
21 *core academic disciplines of English-language arts, mathematics,*
22 *history-social science, and science; and be it further*

23 *Resolved, That the National Governors Association and the*
24 *Council of Chief State School Officers replicate the process used*
25 *to develop English-language arts and mathematics common core*
26 *state standards to now develop common core state standards for*
27 *social studies and ~~science~~. science; and be it further*

28 RESOLVED, *That the National Governors Association and the*
29 *Council of Chief State School Officers also examine the viability*
30 *of developing common standards in other subject areas, including,*
31 *but not limited to, foreign language, the arts, physical education,*
32 *and career technical education; and be it further*

33 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
34 *of this resolution to the President and Vice ~~president~~ President of*
35 *the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives,*
36 *to the ~~majority~~ Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator*
37 *and Representative from California in the Congress of the United*

- 1 States , *to the National Governors Association, and to the Council*
- 2 *of Chief State School Officers.*

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