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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 34

**Introduced by Senator Ducheny
(Coauthor: Senator Padilla)**

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Hayashi, Huffman, Jeffries, Monning, and Torlakson)*

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Relative to ~~Educational~~
Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 34, as amended, Ducheny. Community colleges: ~~educational~~
extended opportunity programs.

This measure would designate the month of October 2009 as
~~Educational~~ *Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Month* to
honor the mission and purposes of the Extended Opportunity Programs
and Services through the celebration and coordination of activities that
advance educational equity principles.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, In the California Community Colleges system the
2 Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) was
3 established in 1969 to initiate access and retention efforts for
4 first-generation, low-income, educationally disadvantaged, and
5 historically underrepresented students; and

6 WHEREAS, EOPS has served over 2,500,000 students at 110
7 campuses of the California Community Colleges, and these
8 students have made a positive impact on the business, economic,
9 educational, and cultural fabric of the State of California; and

1 WHEREAS, EOPS provides academic and transitional support
2 services for nearly 110,000 students, and these services ensure
3 educational access and justice, financial and academic support,
4 opportunities to attain a college degree, and strategies that enable
5 community college students to transfer to baccalaureate institutions;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, EOPS has provided dynamic and innovative
8 services in early outreach programs serving hundreds of thousands
9 of potential EOPS applicants and summer bridge learning
10 communities, and community building efforts that retain program
11 students who impact the larger campus communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education
13 (CARE) Program was added in 1982 to expand services for
14 welfare-dependent, single-parent EOPS students, and CARE has
15 provided higher education access and supportive services, such as
16 counseling, book services, tutoring, peer support, child care,
17 transportation, school supplies, classes, and other activities
18 addressing the special needs of 160,000 low-income, single-parent
19 students; and

20 WHEREAS, EOPS and CARE are successful programs that
21 bring hope, vision, guidance, and activism to underserved
22 communities, that heighten the awareness of educational pathways
23 and sociocultural opportunities, and that invest in developing the
24 leaders of tomorrow; and

25 WHEREAS, EOPS trains, develops, and produces expertise in
26 faculty and staff, thus enhancing the quality of services,
27 organizational structures, and research on low-income,
28 first-generation, and historically underrepresented students; and

29 WHEREAS, EOPS has successfully developed local partnerships
30 among community-based organizations, public agencies, legislative
31 institutions, universities, and kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,
32 inclusive, public school systems; and

33 WHEREAS, EOPS ensures a diverse and representative voice
34 for thousands of community members whose goal is to participate
35 in, and enrich, the public education of California; now, therefore,
36 be it

37 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby expresses its
39 congratulations and appreciation to the California Community
40 Colleges Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, for its

1 historic and continued success in realizing the intent of landmark
2 legislation, and the vision of the California Master Plan for Higher
3 Education, in attaining educational equity goals and objectives;
4 and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares October 2009 as
6 ~~Educational~~ *Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Month*
7 to honor the mission and purposes of the Extended Opportunity
8 Programs and Services through the celebration and coordination
9 of activities that advance educational equity principles; and be it
10 further

11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
12 this resolution to the governing board of each community college
13 district in the state.