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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 34

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

(~~Coauthor: Senator Padilla~~ *Coauthors: Senators Hancock and Padilla*)

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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

This measure would designate the month of October 2009 as Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Month to honor the mission and purposes of the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 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

1 WHEREAS, EOPS has served over ~~2,500,000~~ *1,900,000*
2 students at 110 campuses of the California Community Colleges,
3 and these students have made a positive impact on the business,
4 economic, educational, and cultural fabric of the State of
5 California; and

6 WHEREAS, EOPS provides academic and transitional support
7 services for ~~nearly 110,000~~ students, and these services ensure
8 educational access and justice, financial and academic support,
9 opportunities to attain a college degree, and strategies that enable
10 community college students to transfer to baccalaureate institutions;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, EOPS has provided dynamic and innovative
13 services in early outreach programs serving hundreds of thousands
14 of potential EOPS applicants and summer bridge learning
15 communities, and community building efforts that retain program
16 students who impact the larger campus communities; and

17 WHEREAS, The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education
18 (CARE) Program was added in 1982 to expand services for
19 welfare-dependent, single-parent EOPS students, and CARE has
20 provided higher education access and supportive services, such as
21 counseling, book services, tutoring, peer support, child care,
22 transportation, school supplies, classes, and other activities
23 addressing the special needs of ~~160,000~~ *over 170,000* low-income,
24 single-parent students; and

25 WHEREAS, EOPS and CARE are successful programs that
26 bring hope, vision, guidance, and activism to underserved
27 communities, that heighten the awareness of educational pathways
28 and sociocultural opportunities, and that invest in developing the
29 leaders of tomorrow; and

30 WHEREAS, EOPS trains, develops, and produces expertise in
31 faculty and staff, thus enhancing the quality of services,
32 organizational structures, and research on low-income,
33 first-generation, and historically underrepresented students; and

34 WHEREAS, EOPS has successfully developed local partnerships
35 among community-based organizations, public agencies, legislative
36 institutions, universities, and kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,
37 inclusive, public school systems; and

38 WHEREAS, EOPS ensures a diverse and representative voice
39 for thousands of community members whose goal is to participate

1 in, and enrich, the public education of California; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby expresses its
5 congratulations and appreciation to the California Community
6 Colleges Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, for its
7 historic and continued success in realizing the intent of landmark
8 legislation, and the vision of the California Master Plan for Higher
9 Education, in attaining educational equity goals and objectives;
10 and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares October 2009 as
12 Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Month to honor the
13 mission and purposes of the Extended Opportunity Programs and
14 Services; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
16 this resolution to the governing board of each community college
17 district in the state.