

**Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 73, as introduced, DeSaulnier. California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness.

This measure would continue the existence and set forth the membership of the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness, to perform duties to promote fitness and health in schools and workplaces. It would permit the task force to accept private funds and in-kind donations, require the task force to submit a report on its work to the Legislature on or before June 30, 2012, and provide that the task force would cease to exist on July 1, 2014, unless its existence is extended by a later enacted resolution.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California is currently facing a  
2 growing obesity crisis in which 58.8 percent of all adults are  
3 overweight and 78 percent of children in grades 5, 7, and 9 did not  
4 pass a physical performance test known as the Fitnessgram; and

5 WHEREAS, Healthy workplace and school environments can  
6 greatly enhance the quality of life for California workers, children  
7 and their families, increase morale, prevent illness, and enhance  
8 productivity of California businesses and students; and

9 WHEREAS, Corporate America traditionally overlooks the  
10 importance of employee well-being in relation to the work  
11 environment; and

1 WHEREAS, California's schools often present a model of eating  
2 and activity that is incongruent with the healthy habits encouraged  
3 in health, nutrition, and physical education; and

4 WHEREAS, Californians' obesity and overweight rates are  
5 leading to an epidemic of Type II Diabetes (formerly known as  
6 Adult Onset Diabetes) among children and adults, with projections  
7 that one in three children born in 2006 will contract the disease;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The current rates of overweight, inactivity, obesity,  
10 and diabetes are costing California over 41 billion dollars each  
11 year in health costs and lost productivity; and

12 WHEREAS, A legislative task force is necessary to provide a  
13 framework and support to help California companies enhance  
14 employee wellness programs as a long-term health solution; and

15 WHEREAS, A legislative task force is necessary to provide a  
16 framework and support to California's schools in order to create  
17 healthier education environments; and

18 WHEREAS, The California Task Force on Youth and Workplace  
19 Wellness was established in the 2001–02 Regular Session of the  
20 Legislature by SCR 40 and SCR 99, and continued in the 2005–06  
21 Regular Session of the Legislature by SCR 73, to promote fitness  
22 and health in the Legislature, schools, and workplaces; and

23 WHEREAS, The California Task Force on Youth and Workplace  
24 Wellness has successfully elevated the profile of fitness in the  
25 California Legislature, in schools and workplaces statewide, and  
26 has developed projects such as the Physical Education Research  
27 for Kids project and the California Fit Business Award to continue  
28 encouraging healthy eating and activity environments for all  
29 Californians; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
31 *thereof concurring*, That the California Task Force on Youth and  
32 Workplace Wellness is hereby continued to promote fitness and  
33 health in the Legislature, schools, and workplaces; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the task force shall be comprised of Members  
35 of the Legislature and experts as follows:

36 (a) The task force shall have 20 voting members, with additional  
37 advisory members and alternates as requested or needed.

38 (b) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint two Members  
39 from the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules shall  
40 appoint two Members from the Senate. Additionally, both the

1 Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules shall  
2 each appoint alternate members from the Assembly and from the  
3 Senate.

4 (c) Additionally, both the Speaker of the Assembly and the  
5 Senate Committee on Rules shall each appoint members, from  
6 each of the following categories:

7 (1) Two members from the field of education.

8 (2) Two members from the field of industry or business.

9 (3) Two members from the field of health.

10 (4) One member from the field of fitness; and be it further

11 (d) That two “youth representatives” and two alternates between  
12 the ages of 15 and 19 shall be appointed the foregoing members  
13 of the task force and approved by the task force chair, for one-year  
14 terms, concurrent with the academic school year; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Members of the Legislature who serve on  
16 the task force shall serve only to the extent that their service is  
17 consistent with their duties as Members of the Legislature; and be  
18 it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Senate Committee on Rules shall name the  
20 chair of the task force; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That members of the task force appointed by the  
22 Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly shall  
23 serve at the pleasure of the appointing power; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the members of the task force shall conduct the  
25 business of the task force on a volunteer basis and shall not receive  
26 a salary for services nor be reimbursed for travel and other expenses  
27 incurred in the performance of their duties as task force members;  
28 and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the task force shall have all of the following  
30 duties:

31 (a) To meet twice a year to discuss strategies. The task force  
32 shall strive to generate media and public interest in the activities  
33 of the task force and its annual meetings in a manner that elevates  
34 the importance of healthy and fit schools and workplaces in the  
35 minds of all Californians.

36 (b) To support the existing task force Internet Web site, and to  
37 publicize the task force mission statement and inform visitors of  
38 resources available to California citizens, schools, and companies.  
39 Features shall include a library of wellness tips, educational tools,  
40 examples of successful school and corporate wellness programs,

1 including individual success stories, and biographies of task force  
2 members.

3 (c) To generate media and legislative attention for the task force  
4 and increase awareness of wellness issues.

5 (d) To submit a report on the work of the task force to the  
6 Legislature on or before June 30, 2012; and be it further

7 *Resolved*, That the task force shall create two subcommittees,  
8 one on youth wellness, and another on corporate wellness, to  
9 specialize work and expertise. Other subcommittees may be created  
10 as the members of the task force deem appropriate. Each  
11 subcommittee shall report on its work and findings to the entire  
12 task force; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the task force is authorized to accept private  
14 funds and in-kind donations to pay expenses incurred in conducting  
15 its business. These expenses include, but are not limited to, staff,  
16 administrative, meeting, and publication expenses; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the task force shall cease to exist on July 1, 2014,  
18 unless a later enacted resolution that is enacted before that date  
19 deletes or extends that date.