

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 105

Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande

February 21, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 105—Relative to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 105, as introduced, Nestande. Legislature: Wounded Warrior Program.

Existing law authorizes certain internship and fellowship programs, as specified.

This measure would establish the Wounded Warrior Program within the Legislature, modeled after the United States House of Representatives' Wounded Warrior Program, which shall create fellowship opportunities for wounded or disabled veterans to work in the offices of Members of the Assembly, Senators, or committees of the Assembly or Senate. This measure would require the Wounded Warrior Program to be administered by the Joint Rules Committee and funded by the Operating Funds of the Assembly and Senate.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The federal Wounded Warrior Program, which is
2 administered by the Chief Administrative Officer of the United
3 States House of Representatives, was established to provide
4 employment opportunities for wounded or disabled veterans in the
5 United States House of Representatives.

6 WHEREAS, a person is eligible to apply for a position with the
7 federal program if he or she is a disabled veteran who has served

1 on active duty since September 11, 2001, has fewer than 20 years
2 of military service, and has received either a Memorandum Rating
3 of 30 percent or greater from his or her service Physical Evaluation
4 Board or a VA service-connected disability rating of 30 percent
5 or greater. An applicant for the federal program must also have
6 been honorably discharged and possess a high school diploma or
7 GED certificate.

8 WHEREAS, a wounded or disabled veteran who is selected for
9 the federal program is employed by the Office of the Chief
10 Administrative Officer of the United States House of
11 Representatives for a two-year fellowship and is placed in the
12 office of a Member or committee of the United States House of
13 Representatives.

14 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to establish a Wounded
15 Warrior Program in this state, modeled after the federal program,
16 to provide fellowship opportunities for wounded or disabled
17 veterans to work in the offices of Members of the Assembly,
18 Senators, or committees of the Assembly or Senate.

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby establishes the
21 Wounded Warrior Program within the Legislature, modeled after
22 the United States House of Representatives' Wounded Warrior
23 Program, which shall create fellowship opportunities for wounded
24 or disabled veterans to work in the office of Members of the
25 Assembly, Senators, or committees of the Assembly or Senate;
26 and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Wounded Warrior Program shall be
28 administered by the Joint Rules Committee and funded by the
29 Operating Funds of the Assembly and Senate; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.