

Introduced by Senator Gaines

April 2, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 33, as introduced, Gaines. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate September 2013 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed
2 cancer in men aside from skin cancer and the second leading cause
3 of cancer death in men aside from lung cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
5 in six men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime with an
6 estimated 238,590 new cases of the disease in the United States
7 predicted for 2013, which would result in an estimated 29,720
8 deaths; and

9 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
10 cancer among men in most racial and ethnic groups. African
11 American men are 45 percent more likely to develop this disease
12 than non-Hispanic white men and 58 percent more likely than
13 Hispanic men; and

14 WHEREAS, In California, approximately 20,430 men are
15 predicted to be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2013, and, of
16 this number, approximately 3,085 men are predicted to die of this
17 disease; and

1 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when
2 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early but drops to 28
3 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

4 WHEREAS, Early stages of prostate cancer usually do not have
5 symptoms and genetic predisposition may be responsible for 5 to
6 10 percent of prostate cancer cases; and

7 WHEREAS, Recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed
8 meat or dairy foods may increase the risk of prostate cancer, while
9 obesity may contribute to an increased risk of more aggressive
10 forms of the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Obesity and smoking are associated with an
12 increased risk of dying from prostate cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that
14 all men be given sufficient information on both the benefits and
15 limitations of early detection and testing for prostate cancer to
16 allow each man to make a decision based on his personal values
17 and preferences; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates September
20 2013 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of
21 California and encourages public officials and citizens of California
22 to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs;
23 and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
25 nation to increase awareness of the importance of each man making
26 an informed decision with his health care provider with regard to
27 early detection and testing for prostate cancer; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.