

**Senate Joint Resolution**

**No. 4**

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**Introduced by Senator Monning**

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 4, as amended, Monning. Reauthorization of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation reauthorizing the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 2006, Congress reauthorized the federal Older
- 2 Americans Act of 1965 in its entirety, effective through the 2011
- 3 fiscal year; and

1 WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 has not  
2 been reauthorized since 2006, although it was updated in 2009 and  
3 funding for its programs has been authorized since that date on an  
4 annual basis; and

5 WHEREAS, The Congressional appropriations staff continue  
6 to stress the tight spending caps on discretionary programs imposed  
7 by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

8 WHEREAS, A substantial number of older Americans living  
9 in the State of California will be at risk if there are significant  
10 reductions in allocated funds for the programs funded by the act;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Further delay in the reauthorization of the federal  
13 Older Americans Act of 1965 will erode the capacity of the act's  
14 various structures to deliver services to meet the needs of older  
15 Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should  
17 immediately be reauthorized to preserve the aging network's role  
18 in home- and community-based services, maintain the advocacy  
19 and consumer directed focus of the act, and give area agencies on  
20 aging increased flexibility in planning and delivering services to  
21 vulnerable older Americans; and

22 WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should  
23 be funded in the same manner in which the act has been funded  
24 for the past 48 years; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
26 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature memorializes the President  
27 and the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate  
28 legislation that would reauthorize the federal Older Americans Act  
29 of 1965.

30 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
31 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
32 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
33 Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Chairman of the Senate  
34 Special Committee on Aging, to each Senator and Representative  
35 from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the  
36 author for appropriate distribution.

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