

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 49

**Introduced by Assembly Member Weber
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 49—Relative to the California Senior Bill of Rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 49, as introduced, Weber. California Senior Bill of Rights.

This measure would resolve that the Legislature and the people of California should uphold and protect the dignity and independence of older Californians by continuing the state's commitment to provide these individuals with certain supportive programs and services.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Older Californians have worked hard all their lives
2 to provide for their families, build our state, and defend our nation.
3 Accordingly, for their years of service and contribution, they
4 deserve a dignified, secure, and independent retirement; and
5 WHEREAS, The number of Californians 60 years of age or
6 older is expanding rapidly, and expected to reach nearly 12 million
7 by 2030; and
8 WHEREAS, Many Californians are living longer and working
9 longer than in past generations; and
10 WHEREAS, Older Californians rely heavily on local, state, and
11 federal services, such as Social Security, Medicare, Medi-Cal, and
12 the In-Home Supportive Services program, to help meet their needs
13 for financial security, high-quality, affordable health care, and the

1 ability to maintain their dignity and independence by safely living
2 in their homes for as long as possible; and

3 WHEREAS, These programs and services, and those who
4 provide them, will be of even greater importance to the safety,
5 security, and well-being of older Californians as this population
6 grows; and

7 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding these programs and services,
8 older Californians experience a higher degree of financial loss in
9 times of economic downturn and are subject to greater instances
10 of poverty, hunger, and homelessness; and

11 WHEREAS, Increasingly, older Californians are the victims of
12 fraud, scams, exploitation, and even physical abuse, which
13 threatens their dignity, financial security, and access to quality
14 health care; and

15 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the contributions and
16 sacrifices that older Californians have made to the state, and also
17 recognize the threats that these individuals face; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature and the people of
21 California should unwaveringly uphold and protect the dignity and
22 independence of older Californians by continuing the state's
23 commitment to seek and support efforts that guarantee these
24 individuals all of the following: (a) financial security; (b) quality
25 and affordable health care and long-term care; (c) protection from
26 abuse, fraud, and exploitation; (d) a strong economy, now and for
27 future generations; and (e) independence, through safe and livable
28 communities with adequate housing and transportation options;
29 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.

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