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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 49

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

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March 19, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 49—Relative to the California Senior Bill of Rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 49, as amended, 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.

1 Accordingly, for their years of service and contribution, they
2 deserve a dignified, secure, and independent retirement; and

3 WHEREAS, The number of Californians 60 years of age or
4 older is expanding rapidly, and expected to reach nearly 12 million
5 by 2030; and

6 WHEREAS, Many Californians are living longer and working
7 longer than in past generations; and

8 WHEREAS, Older Californians rely heavily on local, state, and
9 federal services, such as Social Security, Medicare, Medi-Cal, and
10 the In-Home Supportive Services program, to help meet their needs
11 for financial security, high-quality, affordable health care, and the
12 ability to maintain their dignity and independence by safely living
13 in their homes for as long as possible; and

14 WHEREAS, These programs and services, and those who
15 provide them, will be of even greater importance to the safety,
16 security, and well-being of older Californians as this population
17 grows; and

18 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding these programs and services,
19 older Californians experience a higher degree of financial loss in
20 times of economic downturn and are subject to greater instances
21 of poverty, hunger, and homelessness; and

22 WHEREAS, Increasingly, older Californians are the victims of
23 fraud, scams, exploitation, and even physical abuse, which
24 threatens their dignity, financial security, and access to quality
25 health care; and

26 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the contributions and
27 sacrifices that older Californians have made to the state, and also
28 recognize the threats that these individuals face; now, therefore,
29 be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature and the people of
32 California should unwaveringly uphold and protect the dignity and
33 independence of older Californians by continuing the state's
34 commitment to seek and support efforts that guarantee these
35 individuals all of the following: (a) financial security; (b) quality
36 and affordable health care and long-term care; (c) protection from
37 abuse, fraud, and exploitation; (d) a strong economy, now and for
38 future generations; and (e) independence, through safe and livable
39 communities with adequate housing and transportation options;
40 and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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