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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 97**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to medicine.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 97, as amended, Bonilla. Medical training: osteopathic students.

This measure, among other things, would urge both private and public medical training institutions in the state to provide equal access to osteopathic and allopathic students to apply to training programs, would urge osteopathic medical schools, allopathic medical schools, and their

training institutions to build on current successes of working toward greater collaboration and coordination of education and training for California's future physicians, and would urge efforts by training institutions and allopathic and osteopathic medical schools to work toward greater acceptance and integration of osteopathic and allopathic students.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California has a significant shortage and inequitable  
2 distribution of physicians throughout the state due to the aging  
3 population, current population growth, and the increasing number  
4 of insured; and

5 WHEREAS, According to a study by the Robert Graham Center  
6 in 2013, it was estimated that the state would need 8,243 more  
7 primary care physicians by 2030, a 32-percent increase of its  
8 current workforce; and

9 WHEREAS, The state's ability to meet the need for primary  
10 care osteopathic physicians (DOs) and allopathic physicians (MDs)  
11 is directly affected by the number of medical residency slots  
12 available in physician training programs across the state, and the  
13 current number of graduate medical education slots must be  
14 increased substantially; and

15 WHEREAS, DOs are one of the fastest growing segments of  
16 health care professionals in the United States. By 2016, more than  
17 100,000 DOs are expected to be in active medical practice; and

18 WHEREAS, Approximately 60 percent of practicing DOs  
19 specialize in primary care fields such as family medicine, internal  
20 medicine, and pediatrics, and many DOs fill a critical need by  
21 practicing in rural and other medically underserved areas; and

22 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2020, osteopathic (DO) and allopathic  
23 (MD) residency programs will be overseen by a single unified  
24 accrediting body; and

25 WHEREAS, Quality medical training for DO and MD students  
26 is critical to their success as fully trained and licensed physicians,  
27 and all medical schools should provide the support necessary for  
28 their students to receive the best possible medical training; and

29 WHEREAS, Many public and private institutions have provided  
30 equal access to the application process for their medical training  
31 programs by all students and physicians, and have trained

1 exemplary DO and MD students by choosing those candidates  
2 who best suit their programs; and

3 WHEREAS, In many areas of the state there are outstanding  
4 examples of medical training programs that have been integrated  
5 effectively and are providing DO and MD students with exceptional  
6 training opportunities; and

7 WHEREAS, Section 2064.2 of the Business and Professions  
8 Code states that no medical school or clinical training program  
9 shall deny access to elective clerkships or preceptorships in any  
10 medical school or clinical training program in this state solely on  
11 the basis that a student is enrolled in an DO medical school; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 2453 of the Business and Professions Code  
13 states that it is the policy of the state that holders of MD degrees  
14 and DO degrees shall be accorded equal professional status and  
15 privileges as licensed physicians and surgeons; now, therefore, be  
16 it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
18 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature urges both private and  
19 public medical training institutions in the state to provide equal  
20 access to DO and MD students to apply to training programs while  
21 still maintaining the integrity and competitiveness of their  
22 application process and the need to first serve enrolled students;  
23 and be it further

24 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges DO medical schools, MD  
25 medical schools, and training institutions to build on current  
26 successes of working toward greater collaboration and coordination  
27 of education and training for California's future physicians and  
28 for these medical schools to develop a plan to adequately support  
29 medical training for their students and create positive partnerships  
30 with medical training programs that are open to both DO and MD  
31 students and graduates; and be it further

32 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges efforts by training  
33 institutions and DO and MD medical schools to work toward  
34 greater acceptance and integration of DO and MD students in their  
35 medical training programs; and be it further

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

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