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**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 98**

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**Introduced by Senators Beall and De León**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 98, as amended, Beall. California's community-based developmental services system: 50th anniversary.

This measure would recognize the year of 2016 as the 50th anniversary of California's community-based developmental services system, and

would reaffirm the commitment of the Legislature to support this system. This measure would declare the importance of ensuring a sustainable system that protects the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, the State of California piloted a  
2 new approach to serving individuals with developmental disabilities  
3 by enacting a bold new direction in public-private partnership that  
4 fundamentally changed and dramatically improved the quality of  
5 life for individuals with developmental disabilities and their  
6 families, and that would become a model for the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, That partnership model was based on the premise  
8 that the services required of a regional center are of such a special  
9 and unique nature that they could not be satisfactorily provided  
10 by state agencies and thus required private nonprofit entities to  
11 contract with the state to meet the unique needs of the different  
12 geographic regions; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1965, Assembly Bill 691 established a pilot  
14 program that created two regional centers in 1966, one at  
15 Children's Hospital Los Angeles, later named Frank D. Lanterman  
16 Regional Center, and another at San Francisco Aid Retarded  
17 Children, Inc., later named Golden Gate Regional Center, with the  
18 Regional Center of the East Bay formed later from the latter  
19 project's eastern region; and

20 WHEREAS, The pilot program was so successful that it was  
21 turned into a permanent statewide program in 1969 by Assembly  
22 Bill 225, known as the Lanterman Mental Retardation Services  
23 Act; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1973, Assembly Bill 846 recast the act as the  
25 Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act and proposed  
26 expansion of eligibility for regional center services to individuals  
27 with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism, among other  
28 developmental disabilities; and

29 WHEREAS, In 1977, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities  
30 Services Act was passed, enumerating various rights to individuals  
31 with developmental disabilities, enshrining the role of regional  
32 centers as advocates for those rights, and creating an individualized  
33 planning process that forms the core of the uniquely tailored

1 services and supports that each participating individual receives;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Regional centers provide service coordination to  
4 ensure that the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities  
5 are met using a combination of natural supports, generic services,  
6 and the purchase of vendored services; and

7 WHEREAS, Community-based service providers offer an array  
8 of services in each community to meet the unique needs of every  
9 individual with a developmental disability, doing so at significant  
10 cost savings to the State of California when compared to the cost  
11 of institutional care; and

12 WHEREAS, California’s network of regional centers and service  
13 providers serve nearly 300,000 individuals with developmental  
14 disabilities who, as a result of the service, are able to live, work,  
15 grow, and thrive in the community; and

16 WHEREAS, Years of underfunding have reduced access to  
17 needed services and supports, have threatened the sustainability  
18 of the system as a whole, have strained families, and have reduced  
19 the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The active support and leadership of the Legislature  
22 is a critical component of any and all efforts to reinvigorate and  
23 renew the community-based developmental services system; now,  
24 therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the  
27 year of 2016 as the 50th anniversary of California’s  
28 community-based developmental services system; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares the importance of  
30 ensuring a sustainable system that protects the rights of individuals  
31 with developmental disabilities and their full inclusion into  
32 community life; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature reaffirms its commitment to  
34 defend, support, and advance the community-based developmental  
35 services system; and be it further

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

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