

**Introduced by Senator Roth**

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Senate Resolution No. 63—Relative to Type 1 diabetes awareness.

1 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects an  
2 estimated 29.1 million Americans, or 9.3 percent of the population,  
3 on a daily basis; and  
4 WHEREAS, Approximately 3.8 million people in California  
5 are living with diabetes, and it is estimated that over one million  
6 Californians are undiagnosed; and  
7 WHEREAS, Diabetes costs an estimated \$37.1 billion in  
8 California each year; and  
9 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes accounts for \$14.9 billion in health  
10 care costs in the United States each year; and  
11 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes, previously called juvenile-onset  
12 diabetes, occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a  
13 hormone that is necessary to convert sugar, or glucose, into energy;  
14 and  
15 WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is the third most common  
16 auto-immune disease found among children; and  
17 WHEREAS, Between 2001 and 2009 there was a 21-percent  
18 increase in the prevalence of Type 1 diabetes in people under 20  
19 years of age; and  
20 WHEREAS, Only 5 percent of diabetics have Type 1 diabetes,  
21 and it is typically diagnosed in children and young adults; and  
22 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes can help prevent  
23 diabetic ketoacidosis, a potentially fatal condition that develops  
24 from high blood glucose levels; and  
25 WHEREAS, In 2009, among hospital discharges of children  
26 and young people 0 to 17 years of age, about 74 percent had

1 diabetes as the first-listed diagnosis, and of these patients, 64  
2 percent of the diagnoses were for diabetic ketoacidosis; and

3 WHEREAS, Education concerning Type 1 diabetes is critical  
4 to raising awareness and diagnosing and treating this condition  
5 effectively; and

6 WHEREAS, With the help of insulin therapy and other  
7 treatments, young children and adolescents can learn to manage  
8 their condition and live long, healthy lives; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate*  
10 encourages all health care practitioners with children under their  
11 care to discuss the warning signs and symptoms of Type 1 diabetes  
12 with the parents or guardians of each child at least once annually  
13 at well-child care visits from birth to 5 years of age; and be it  
14 further

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