

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 75

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Relative to Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 2, Hall. Management of Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.

This measure would urge the University of California to expedite negotiations with the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County and the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science to discuss the future management of Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital in the Watts/Willowbrook area of south Los Angeles County.

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is divided into eight "Service Planning Areas" (SPAs) for health care planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital building is located in SPA 6, but it closed in August 2007 and an outpatient clinic currently operates on the site; and

WHEREAS, SPA 6 consists of 1.6 million people, but does not have a public hospital; and

WHEREAS, The only private hospital in SPA 6 is St. Francis Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, SPA 6 is the poorest and most underserved area in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, There is an immediate need for a public teaching hospital to serve SPA 6; and

WHEREAS, The five University of California medical schools have had success administering public hospitals in San Francisco, Sacramento, Torrance, Irvine, and San Diego; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County has expressed public interest in, and Governor Schwarzenegger has expressed support for, a hospital takeover by the University of California; and

WHEREAS, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science has a need for a teaching hospital; and

WHEREAS, SPA 6 has an urgent and growing need for medical doctors and other health professionals to be trained and to work locally; and

WHEREAS, The general public would benefit from the joint operation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital by Los Angeles County, the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science, and the University of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature urges the University of California to expedite negotiations with the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County and the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science to discuss the future management of Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital in the Watts/Willowbrook area of south Los Angeles County; and be it further

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