
Introduced by Senator Aanestad

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 86, as introduced, Aanestad. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This measure would designate the month of September 2010 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
2 in six men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and that
3 there will be approximately ____ new cases of the disease in the
4 United States in the current year, resulting in nearly ____ deaths;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
7 cancer among men in all race and ethnic groups. African American
8 men are 50 percent more likely to develop this disease than any
9 other group of men; and
10 WHEREAS, In California, approximately ____ men will be
11 diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more than
12 eight California men will die of this disease; and
13 WHEREAS, While prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer
14 deaths in men, little is known about this disease and there are
15 usually no symptoms in the early stages; and
16 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches ____ percent when
17 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to ____
18 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

1 WHEREAS, Early detection is key to survival and the American
2 Cancer Society recommends that every man should be offered
3 screening tests determined by his age and risk factor, including an
4 annual prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal
5 examination (DRE); and

6 WHEREAS, Men who have several close relatives who have
7 been diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age should begin
8 their testing at 40 years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, Men who have a father, son, or brother who was
10 diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age, and all
11 African American men, should begin testing at 45 years of age;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Other men should begin testing at 50 years of age
14 if they have a life expectancy of at least an additional 10 years;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
18 September 2010 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State
19 of California and that public officials and citizens of California
20 are encouraged to observe the month with appropriate activities
21 and programs; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
23 nation to increase the awareness of the importance of early
24 detection and treatment of prostate cancer; and be it further

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