

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 164**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Pan**

August 6, 2012

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to California State University.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 164, as introduced, Pan. California State University: chancellor selection process.

This measure would encourage the recruitment and selection process for the next Chancellor of the California State University to be done in a publicly inclusive manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The search for the Chancellor of the California  
2 State University (CSU) is the recruitment and hiring process for  
3 one of the most important public jobs in California; and

4 WHEREAS, The chancellor is tasked with the responsibility of  
5 leading one of the three segments, which also include the  
6 University of California and the California Community Colleges,  
7 that comprise the greatest public postsecondary education system  
8 in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, It is imperative that the search for the chancellor  
10 be an inclusive process that is conducted with the utmost  
11 transparency and openness and involves the stakeholders that make  
12 the CSU great. The search should involve the CSU community,  
13 which includes students, parents, faculty, and staff, who should

1 all be given a chance to participate and provide their needed and  
2 valuable input; and

3 WHEREAS, The search for a chancellor, who shall be the leader  
4 of 23 campuses, 40,000 faculty and staff, and over 420,000  
5 students, should not be conducted by members of the CSU Board  
6 of Trustees alone, outside of public view. Instead, the selection of  
7 the head of the “People’s University” should be conducted before  
8 the people, at campus-based forums, in a public setting, and with  
9 access and outreach to as wide an array of people as possible, and  
10 finalists should be willing to participate in this open process; and

11 WHEREAS, The CSU is at a critical juncture and is in the midst  
12 of economic pressures due to decreased funding, a growing student  
13 population, and an unprecedented era of awareness and public  
14 interest in the administration of the CSU; and

15 WHEREAS, An open selection process will provide the new  
16 chancellor with the support and confidence of the students, the  
17 faculty and staff, and the public, which are needed to meet the  
18 challenges of leading the CSU through this critical juncture; and

19 WHEREAS, The next chancellor will work with the Legislature,  
20 stakeholders, and the public to restore the light that shines from  
21 the CSU; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
23 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature encourages the recruitment  
24 and selection process for the next Chancellor of the California  
25 State University to be done in a publicly inclusive manner; and be  
26 it further

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