Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 132

Introduced by Senator Lieu

June 26, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 132—Relative to Scoliosis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 132, as introduced, Lieu. Scoliosis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim June 2014, as Scoliosis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that affects about two to three percent of the population, an estimated seven million people in the United States, and nearly one million people in California. Scoliosis affects people of all ages, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status, and there is no cure; and

WHEREAS, It is important to increase public awareness of scoliosis in order to help children, parents, and health care providers better recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis can negatively impact a person's quality of life by limiting activity, reducing respiratory function, causing physical pain, and diminishing self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis has no known cause and is common in otherwise healthy children, with approximately one out of every six people diagnosed requiring active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis is often diagnosed between 10 and 15 years of age, with females being five to eight times more likely to

develop a curvature severe enough to require medical attention; and

WHEREAS, Screening programs are mandated in California schools for girls in seventh grade and boys in eighth grade. These programs allow for early detection of scoliosis, which, if promptly treated, could alleviate the pain of those suffering from the disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims June 2014 as Scoliosis Awareness Month; and be it further

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

O