

INTRODUCED BY SENIOR SENATOR BORTEL**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST****SP 1: ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FUNDING.**

UNDER EXISTING LAW, THE CALIFORNIA ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING FROM VOLUNTARY TAXPAYER CONTRIBUTIONS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE.

THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOCATE \$10 MILLION PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO FUND NONPHARMALOGICAL ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH IN CALIFORNIA.

VOTE: MAJORITY.

SP 1: RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FUNDING

WHEREAS, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CAN BE COMPLETELY DEBILITATING FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE, BUT IT ALSO TAKES AN INCOMPARABLE TOLL ON THE FAMILIES OF THOSE AFFLICTED; AND

WHEREAS, THE ONSET FOR ALZHEIMER'S SYMPTOMS TYPICALLY OCCURS BY 70 YEARS OF AGE AND MOST PATIENTS WAIT AT LEAST THREE YEARS BEFORE SEEKING TREATMENT; AND

WHEREAS, APPROXIMATELY 600,000 CALIFORNIANS HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, AND THAT NUMBER WILL INCREASE TO 1.1 MILLION CALIFORNIANS WITHIN THE NEXT 20 YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE; AND

WHEREAS, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS RANKED AS THE FIFTH-LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; AND

WHEREAS, THOSE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER SURVIVE AN AVERAGE OF FOUR TO EIGHT YEARS, AND UP TO 20 YEARS, WITH AN ALZHEIMER'S DIAGNOSIS AND 75 PERCENT OF THOSE WITH A DIAGNOSES WILL BE IN FULL-TIME NURSING HOMES BY 80 YEARS OF AGE, COMPARED TO FOUR PERCENT OF THE GENERAL POPULATION AT THAT AGE; AND

WHEREAS, FULL-TIME CARE IN NURSING HOMES CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT \$200 BILLION IS CURRENTLY BEING SPENT PER YEAR ON CARING FOR VICTIMS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE NATIONALLY AND APPROXIMATELY \$30 BILLION OF THAT TOTAL IS BEING SPENT IN CALIFORNIA; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 1.1 MILLION CALIFORNIANS ARE PROVIDING \$72.1 BILLION WORTH OF UNPAID CARE FOR THOSE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA; AND

WHEREAS, CURRENTLY THE ONLY FUNDING FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH IN CALIFORNIA COMES FROM VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY TAXPAYERS THAT AMOUNT TO A MERE \$500,000 PER YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, THE CALIFORNIA STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE INCLUDES GOALS TO COLLECT AND USE DATA TO DEVELOP SERVICES AND THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO CARE FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE; AND

WHEREAS, PHARMOLOGICAL TREATMENTS, OR MEDICATIONS, FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE DO NOT STOP OR SLOW THE DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION OF NEURONS THAT CAUSE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. HOWEVER, NONPHARMOLOGICAL THERAPY, THOSE THAT DO NOT INVOLVE MEDICATION, ARE OFTEN USED WITH THE GOAL OF MAINTAINING OR IMPROVING COGNITIVE FUNCTION, THE ABILITY TO PERFORM DAILY ACTIVITIES, OR OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE; AND

WHEREAS, ALTHOUGH NONPHARMOLOGICAL THERAPIES HAVE NOT BEEN SHOWN TO ALTER THE COURSE OF THE DISEASE, THE THERAPIES SHOW PROMISE; AND

WHEREAS, THE NUMBER OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THE BURDEN TO PROVIDE FOR AND PAY FOR THE CARE OF AN ALZHEIMER'S PATIENT FALLS LARGELY ON FAMILY MEMBERS, AND THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE REQUIRE FULL-TIME CARE EARLIER AND FOR MUCH LONGER THAN THE REST OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR SENATE AND THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY, JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS 2016 REGULAR SESSION, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREFOR, HEREBY PROPOSES THAT, BECAUSE THERE IS NONPHARMALOGICAL RESEARCH BEING DONE IN CALIFORNIA, EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS \$10 MILLION SHOULD BE ALLOCATED FOR NONPHARMALOGICAL RESEARCH THAT CAN ASSIST IN MEETING THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE BY DEVELOPING NEW TREATMENT OPTIONS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZES THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS SET FORTH IN THIS MEASURE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS MEASURE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.