

Date of Hearing: March 16, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 28 (Reyes) – As Introduced March 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2023 as Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Breast cancer is among the most commonly diagnosed cancers and the second leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States. Approximately 297,790 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and nearly 43,000 will die with this malignancy in 2023.
- 2) Triple-negative breast cancer is one of many forms of breast cancer and accounts for about 15 to 20 percent of all diagnosed invasive breast cancer cases in the United States.
- 3) More than 53,700 new breast cancer cases in 2019 in the United States were triple-negative breast cancer with higher prevalence among younger women, Black and Hispanic women, women with type 2 diabetes or carrying excess weight in the abdomen area, and women with breast cancer gene 1 (BRCA1) mutations.
- 4) Due to its aggressive behavior, triple-negative breast cancer grows quickly and is more likely to have spread at the time it is found and is more likely to come back after treatment than other types of breast cancer.
- 5) Triple-negative breast cancer cells do not contain three key receptors that medicines typically target in other types of breast cancers. As a result, there are limited treatment options that can be used to treat the cancer.
- 6) Patients with an early diagnosis of triple-negative breast cancer can often be treated with chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery. However, the limited therapies available specifically addressing the management of triple-negative breast cancer has made treating this disease a challenge for clinicians.
- 7) Studies have shown that triple-negative breast cancer disease-specific mortality rates are often higher for patients who have Medicaid or Medicare or are from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.
- 8) Advances in breast cancer screening and treatment over the last few decades have reduced the overall breast cancer mortality rate, yet the disproportionate impact of triple-negative breast cancer on racial and ethnic minority communities raises considerations about the underlying determinants driving the disparities.
- 9) It is necessary to promote triple-negative breast cancer education, raise awareness about the disease-related disparities, and tackle inequities within health care delivery, including inadequate access to screening, diagnostic testing, and care, in order to improve early detection and survival

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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