

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 829 (Sharp-Collins)

As Amended June 18, 2025

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Establishes the Parkinson's Disease Registry Tax Contribution Fund. Authorizes a taxpayer to make a voluntary contribution to the fund on their state personal income tax return from tax year 2025 to 2032, if the fund meets the minimum contribution amount of \$250,000 annually. Directs that contributions to the fund be allocated to the State Department of Public Health (DPH) for the purposes of administering the Richard Paul Hemann Parkinson's Disease Program.

Senate Amendments

Replace references from the California Neurogenerative Disease Registry Program to the Richard Paul Hemann Parkinson's Disease Program.

COMMENTS

Parkinson's disease. According to the National Institute on Aging, Parkinson's disease is a brain disorder that causes unintended or uncontrollable movements, such as shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with balance and coordination. Symptoms usually begin gradually and worsen over time. As the disease progresses, people may have difficulty walking and talking. They may also have mental and behavioral changes, sleep problems, depression, memory difficulties, and fatigue. The symptoms of Parkinson's and the rate of progression differ among individuals. Early symptoms of this disease are subtle and occur gradually.

Prevalence of Parkinson's disease. SB 97 (Committee on Budget), Chapter 52, Statutes of 2017 established the Richard Paul Hemann Parkinson's Disease Program, which requires DPH to collect data on the incidence of Parkinson's disease in California. Since July 1, 2018, state law has required healthcare providers diagnosing or providing treatment to Parkinson's disease patients to report each case of Parkinson's disease to DPH. DPH has been collecting this information through the statewide population-based Richard Paul Hemann California Parkinson's Disease Registry (CPDR). Eighty-eight percent of all Parkinson's disease information is collected automatically from electronic health records, which do not require additional reporting efforts from providers. The March 2024 CPDR Program Summary highlighted the following:

- 1) CPDR has a total of 107,601 unique cases;
- 2) CPDR unique cases are highest in counties with a higher elderly population;
- 3) Data from CPDR shows that 78% of the cases are comprised of individuals 70 years and above; and,
- 4) Approximately 59% of Parkinson's disease cases are non-Hispanic white, 14% are Hispanic/Latino, and nine % are Asian.

This bill adds Parkinson's disease to the existing list of items on the California tax return where people can voluntarily contribute to their issue of choice. According to the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation, after a taxpayer contributes to a voluntary contribution fund (VCF), the

Franchise Tax Board deposits all contributions, minus its administration costs, into a fund named for the VCF. State agencies administer most VCF funds to fund the purpose outlined in the legislation that placed the VCF on the personal income tax form. For other VCFs, the State Controller's office allocates taxpayer contributions directly to the private organization without going through an administrative agency. For example, the State Controller's office directly passes taxpayer contributions to the California Fire Foundation.

Contributions to the Parkinson's Disease Registry Tax Contribution Fund will support the Richard Paul Hemann Parkinson's Disease Program. According to information on DPH's website, little is known about how Parkinson's disease is distributed among different population groups and whether the patterns of disease are changing over time. California's large and diverse population makes it ideal for providing important information about this disease. DPH notes that CPDR will expand our understanding of Parkinson's disease to ultimately improve the lives of those affected.

According to the Author

Parkinson's disease is the second most common and fastest growing neurological condition in the United States; yet it faces significant funding disparities with only hundreds of millions in federal support compared to billions for other neurodegenerative diseases. The author states that to address this critical funding gap, this bill will add Parkinson's disease to California's tax return as a voluntary contribution option and builds upon the successful model of the Alzheimer's voluntary tax contribution fund. The author states that with over 120,000 Californians living with Parkinson's disease costing the state over \$5 billion annually in direct and indirect costs, it's critical that a system be established allowing donated revenue to be used to support research and services benefitting Parkinson's patients in the state.

Arguments in Support

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF) is the sponsor of this bill and states, over one million Americans and 120,000 Californians live with Parkinson's disease, which costs the state over \$5 billion annually in direct and indirect costs. MJFF continues that even though Parkinson's disease is the second most common, and fastest growing, neurological disease, research for Parkinson's treatments and cures is underfunded compared to other diseases. While other neurodegenerative diseases receive billions in funding research from the federal government each year, Parkinson's only receives a couple hundred million. MJFF notes that this bill adds Parkinson's disease to the existing list of items on the California tax return where people can voluntarily contribute to their issue of choice. MJFF concludes that this bill will benefit Parkinson's patients throughout California.

Arguments in Opposition

None.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8, negligible state costs.

VOTES:**ASM HEALTH: 15-0-0**

YES: Bonta, Chen, Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Carrillo, Flora, Mark González, Krell, Patel, Celeste Rodriguez, Sanchez, Schiavo, Sharp-Collins, Stefani

ASM REVENUE AND TAXATION: 7-0-0

YES: Gipson, Ta, Bains, DeMaio, Garcia, McKinnor, Quirk-Silva

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 11-0-4

YES: Wicks, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Elhawary, Fong, Mark González, Hart, Pacheco, Pellerin, Solache

ABS, ABST OR NV: Sanchez, Dixon, Ta, Tangipa

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 79-0-0

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer- Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

SENATE FLOOR: 37-0-3

YES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Pérez, Reyes, Umberg

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