

THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 220
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Introduced: 6/3/26
Vote: 21

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 63-0, 6/18/26 (Consent) - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Hepatitis B Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution, in order to support ongoing public education and to encourage vaccination, screening, and linkage to care, declares June 2026 as Hepatitis B Awareness Month in California in alignment with national and global awareness activities, and encourages state agencies, local health jurisdictions, community-based organizations, health care providers, and other stakeholders to observe this month with appropriate educational and outreach activities focused on hepatitis B prevention, testing, treatment, and health equity.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Hepatitis B is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus, and recent modeling estimates indicate that approximately 1.7 million to 1.8 million people in the United States are living with hepatitis B infection, corresponding to a prevalence of about 0.5 to 0.55 percent of the population.
- 2) State-level analyses estimate that California has the largest number of people living with hepatitis B of any state, with approximately 347,100 people living with hepatitis B infection and an overall prevalence of about 0.9%, and that about 86% of these infections occur among people who are foreign born.
- 3) Hepatitis B spreads from person to person via contact with infected blood and body fluids; transmission may occur through perinatal exposure, sexual contact, injection drug use, and other blood exposures.

- 4) Hepatitis B infection can range from an acute, mild, short-term illness to a chronic, serious, long-term infection that can lead to cirrhosis, liver failure, and liver cancer, and is associated with premature mortality in California.
- 5) CDPH reports that hepatitis B-related mortality in California, though declining, remained 1.7 times higher than the overall United States rate in 2021, and that more than 70% of hepatitis B deaths in California occurred in people younger than 75 years of age, with Asian American and Hispanic or Latino Californians dying on average 18 years earlier than expected due to hepatitis B.

This resolution declares hepatitis B prevention, screening, treatment, and linkage to care to be important public health priorities for the State of California.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/23/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/23/26)

None received

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

NO VOTE RECORDED: Alvarez, Bains, Dixon, Ellis, Flora, Haney, Johnson, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Papan, Patel, Ramos, Celeste Rodriguez, Soria, Tangipa, Wicks

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