

Date of Hearing: August 21, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 53 (Patel) – As Introduced August 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Back to School Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of August 2025 as Back to School Month; and, commends the dedication of California's teachers, families, and students. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Each year, as summer fades and autumn approaches, students across the State of California return to school, bringing with them hopes, questions, and the limitless potential that defines our future.
- 2) The beginning of the 2025–26 school year marks not only a change in the season, but a recommitment to California's core promise—that every child, regardless of race, income, immigration status, or background, has the right to a high-quality public education.
- 3) California's public education system serves over six million students across more than 10,000 schools. In the County of San Diego alone, over 500,000 students begin the school year in transitional kindergarten through community college, including in school districts like the San Diego Unified School District, Sweetwater Union High School District, and Chula Vista Elementary School District.
- 4) Teachers, school staff, counselors, and administrators play an essential role in shaping the lives of students, often going above and beyond to ensure academic success, emotional well-being, and equitable support for every learner.
- 5) The COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing mental health challenges, and economic disparities have underscored the need for robust support systems and targeted investment in school infrastructure, curriculum, and student wellness.
- 6) The start of a new school year provides an opportunity for families, communities, and lawmakers to come together in support of students and teachers alike, recognizing that the strength of our public schools reflects the strength of our democracy.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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