

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 146 (Laird) – As Introduced March 16, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 40-0

SUBJECT: Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of May 2026 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; and, honors the goals and ideals of Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month so as to promote public awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis and the diverse communities it impacts. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Cystic fibrosis, a chronic and progressive systemic disease for which there is no known cure, is the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States.
- 2) Over 40,000 children and adults in the United States have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, and more than 1,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, predominantly through newborn screening.
- 3) Cystic fibrosis impacts individuals of every race and ethnicity, but due to health disparities and newborn screening panels that fail to capture rare cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator mutations, many individuals with cystic fibrosis are misdiagnosed or diagnosed late.
- 4) Despite advances in disease understanding and new therapies, the median age of death for those with cystic fibrosis remains under 40 years of age.
- 5) Prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms of cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who have the disease and a nationwide network of care centers exists to improve the length and quality of life for individuals with cystic fibrosis.
- 6) Recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have produced promising leads in gene, messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), and drug therapies beneficial to people who have the disease.
- 7) The Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute (CFRI) was formed 51 years ago in 1975 by a group of parents whose children with cystic fibrosis were not expected to survive their teen years. CFRI seeks to improve the quality of life for all people with cystic fibrosis in California and the nation, as well as their family members, by providing educational and psychosocial support programs.

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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