

SENATE THIRD READING
SCR 156 (Dahle)
As Introduced April 9, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Declares the month of May 2026 as National Stroke Awareness Month in California; and, urges all Californians to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, and to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke.

Major Provisions

- 1) Stroke is a neurological emergency caused by sudden blockage of an artery in the brain or sudden bleeding in the brain that is both preventable and treatable.
- 2) Stroke is the leading cause of serious long-term disability and a leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 140,000 people nationwide and approximately 14,000 citizens of California each year.
- 3) The phrase "Time Is Brain" emphasizes the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately when stroke symptoms are recognized because early treatment dramatically improves the chances of recovery. One in three Americans cannot name any of the signs or symptoms of a stroke, and more than one-half of Americans do not know if they are at risk for a stroke.
- 4) Between 2019 and 2020, strokes cost the nation over \$56 billion, including the cost of health care services, medications, and lost productivity.
- 5) The American Heart Association urges people to lower their risk of heart disease and stroke by focusing on "Life's Simple 7" key health factors and behaviors: managing blood pressure, controlling cholesterol, reducing blood sugar, getting active, eating better, losing weight, and stopping smoking.
- 6) New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but much more research is needed.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

One in three Americans cannot name any of the signs or symptoms of a stroke, and more than one-half of Americans do not know if they are at risk for a stroke. Learning B.E.F.A.S.T, the warning signs of stroke, can mean the difference between recovery and lasting disability.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES**SENATE FLOOR: 38-0-2**

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

ABS, ABST OR NV: Blakespear, McGuire

ASM RULES: 9-0-1

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ta, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ahrens

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