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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SCR 174  
Author: Pérez (D) and Wiener (D), et al.  
Introduced: 5/4/26  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** The 60th anniversary of pilot regional centers

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution recognizes 2026 as the 60th anniversary of the pilot regional centers.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 1965, approximately 13,000 Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) lived in state developmental centers separated from their home communities. During this time in our state's history, families were provided with few supports for caring for their children with I/DD, and it was common for pediatricians to recommend out-of-home institutionalization.
- 2) The two pilot regional centers were established at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and at The Arc San Francisco (which later became the Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center and the Golden Gate Regional Center). The centers had limited funding to buy services and support, as well as to offer individual service coordination.
- 3) In 1969, Assembly Member Frank D. Lanterman introduced Assembly Bill 225 of the regular session of the Legislature, known as the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act), to expand the network of regional center services throughout California. Today there are 21 regional centers statewide.
- 4) In the decades following the passage of the Lanterman Act, the service system made great strides in meeting the diverse needs and person-centered choices of individuals at every stage of their lives. It prioritized serving people within their

own communities, making sure that options are available that truly reflect their lifestyles, cultural backgrounds, and the languages they speak.

- 5) The 21 public benefit, nonprofit regional centers in California continue to expand and diversify their services while serving close to 500,000 individuals with I/DD and their families.
- 6) In 2026, approximately 99% of children will live at home with their families, and only around 300 of the nearly 500,000 individuals with I/DD in California will receive state-operated services, and the Legislature sees this as a major success of the California regional center community-based system.
- 7) The year 2026 is the 60th anniversary of the enactment of AB 691 establishing the two pilot regional centers and is an appropriate time to reaffirm our commitment and renew our investment in the community service system.

This resolution recognizes the year of 2026 as the 60th anniversary of California's two pilot regional centers, Frank D. Lanterman and Golden Gate.

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 5/8/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 5/8/26)

None received

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