

Date of Hearing: June 4, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 174 (Pérez) – As Introduced May 4, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: The 60th anniversary of pilot regional centers.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the year of 2026 as the 60th anniversary of California’s two pilot regional centers, Frank D. Lanterman and Golden Gate; and, celebrates its historic 1966 enactment of AB 691 of the 1966 Regular Session of the Legislature, and reaffirms its commitment to ensuring a sustainable future for California’s community service system. Specifically, **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) In 1966, Assembly Bill 691 of the regular session of the Legislature, authored by Assembly Member Jerome Waldie, was enacted. This legislation resulted in the establishment of two pilot regional centers, laying the groundwork for today’s community-based services and supports system for Californians with I/DD. The new law established an innovative system that focused on locally performed eligibility determinations and ongoing services and support for people with I/DD and their families.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The Lanterman Act established a statewide system organized at the regional level, creating a dynamic network of local services and supports. This initiative marked a bold new direction in public-private partnerships, fundamentally enhancing the quality of life for people with I/DD and their families that would become a model for the nation.
- 6) 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.

- 7) The service system remains a demonstration of California's progressive leadership in creating and sustaining a model for the nation, focused on a commitment to person-centered, community-responsive supports for people with I/DD, and disability justice.
- 8) 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.

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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