

Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

SCR 186 (Grayson) – As Introduced June 15, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Thriving Families CA Foundation.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the Thriving Families CA Foundation’s upcoming 50th Anniversary in 2027; and, commends the Thriving Families CA Foundation for its role in strengthening a statewide network of community-based, family-focused organizations that support parents, promote economic opportunity, and contribute to the vitality of California’s communities and economy. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California’s economic vitality depends on the ability of working families to access affordable, reliable, and high-quality childcare and early learning services.
- 2) In 1976, California began a pioneering effort to expand access to childcare through community-based solutions designed to meet the diverse needs of families across the state. That vision led to the creation of alternative payment programs and a statewide network of community-based organizations dedicated to supporting parental choice, family stability, workforce participation, and child development.
- 3) Over the past five decades, this network has evolved into a trusted system of family-focused partners serving communities in all 58 counties, connecting families to childcare, workforce supports, family resources, and opportunities that strengthen economic mobility and well-being.
- 4) Today, community-based childcare organizations support more than 261,000 children through California’s Alternative Payment and CalWORKs childcare programs. Community-based childcare organizations also play a vital role in helping parents work, pursue education and training, and contribute to the state’s economy.
- 5) Despite significant progress, approximately 1.8 million income-eligible children remain without access to subsidized childcare, underscoring the ongoing need for strong advocacy and policies that expand opportunity for working families.
- 6) The Thriving Families CA Foundation has helped transform California’s childcare system into one that recognizes childcare as essential family support infrastructure and a critical component of the state’s economic success through collaboration, advocacy, education, and leadership.
- 7) The Thriving Families CA Foundation’s work reflects a commitment to ensuring that every family, regardless of geography, income, or circumstance, has the opportunity to access the services and supports needed to thrive.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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