

Date of Hearing: April 21, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

SCR 31 (Allen) – As Introduced February 27, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: California Poetry Out Loud.

SUMMARY: Celebrates March 17, 2025, as the 20th anniversary of California Poetry Out Loud. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The California Arts Council hosted the 2025 Poetry Out Loud state finals on March 16 and 17, 2025, in Sacramento. The 2025 program marked the 20th anniversary of California's Poetry Out Loud.
- 2) Poetry Out Loud is a nationwide program engaging high school pupils in discovery and learning about poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. It inspires in high school pupils the confidence to make themselves heard, using one of the most powerful tools at their disposal: art.
- 3) California's Poetry Out Loud is the largest event of its kind in the United States.
- 4) In 2025, 17,311 pupils and 416 teachers participated in the 2025 school and county Poetry Out Loud competitions across California.

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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