

Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

SCR 96 (Wahab) – As Amended August 19, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Southeast Asian Americans: resettlement.

SUMMARY: Commemorates the 50 years since Southeast Asian refugees began resettling in the United States; and, honors the sacrifices made by Southeast Asian American communities on behalf of the United States. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Southeast Asian Americans comprise more than three million individuals in the United States and include, but are not limited to, the Cham, Hmong, Khmer, Khmer Kampuchea Krom, Khmer Loeu, Khmu, Lahu, Lao, Iu Mien, Montagnards, Phutai, Pnong, Tai Dam, Tai Deng, Tai Lue, Vietnamese, and ethnic Chinese with Southeast Asian heritage.
- 2) California is home to the largest share of Southeast Asian Americans in the country, with 35 percent of the Vietnamese American population, 34 percent of the Cambodian population, 25 percent of the Laotian American population, 33 percent of the Hmong American population, and 71 percent of the Iu Mien American population.
- 3) The resettlement of Southeast Asian refugees in the United States typically placed many individuals and families in communities with inadequate resources and resettlement support, and many of these individuals and their children experienced health and economic disparities. Many Southeast Asian refugees have thrived and contributed greatly to the economic, educational, military, political, and social culture of California and the United States since their resettlement.
- 4) Despite the success of Southeast Asian Americans, many still face economic, educational, and linguistic barriers in the United States; in particular, a significant percentage of Cambodian, Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese, and other Southeast Asian Americans endure severe poverty, educational barriers, and unique health disparities as survivors of war and genocide.

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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