
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 53
Author: Rubio (D) and Cortese (D), et al.
Amended: 7/14/25
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution declares the month of September 2025 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout the state to participate in activities and events that promote the awareness of childhood cancer and support families affected by this devastating disease, not just during September, but throughout the year.

Senate floor Amendments of 7/14/25 Add a finding to the resolution, as well as a joint author and multiple coauthors.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) According to the National Cancer Institute, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for children in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 9,550 children in the United States under 15 years of age will be diagnosed with cancer in 2025.
- 2) The State of California is number one in the country for pediatric leukemia incidence rates and number 21 in the country for overall incidence rates.
- 3) The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) provides over \$3 billion total in funding for stem cell research and therapy development, including cancer research, making the State of California a leader in the nation for funding and research, but more targeted efforts on childhood cancer are still needed.
- 4) Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an important nationwide tool for raising awareness among governmental officials and the public of the nature and scope of this problem.

This resolution supports young Californians who are fighting cancer, honors young people who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, expresses gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and parents who provide special care to patients and families affected by childhood cancer, and encourages all residents in this state to join the fight against childhood cancer.

Related/Prior Legislation

SR 122 (Roth, 2024) – Adopted in Senate.

HR 118 (Gabriel, 2024) – Adopted in Assembly.

SCR 80 (Roth, Resolution Chapter 202, Statutes of 2024).

SCR 71 (Rubio, Resolution Chapter 7, Statutes of 2024).

ACR 93 (Choi, Resolution Chapter 3, Statutes of 2022).

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 7/16/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 7/16/25)

None received

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