

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Deputy Secretary of State

RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8—Relative to diabetes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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This measure would urge the Congress and the President of the United States to renew the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic, debilitating disease affecting every organ system; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is a nonpreventable and so far incurable chronic disease that is one of the most prevalent diseases affecting children; and

WHEREAS, Type 2 diabetes is a metabolic disorder in which a person's body still produces insulin but is unable to use it effectively; and

WHEREAS, Type 2 diabetes disproportionately affects the African-American, Latino, Native American, and Pacific Islander communities; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes affects nearly 21 million Americans and over two million Californians and is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is the most costly chronic disease, costing the California health care system over \$12 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, The complications from diabetes have devastating effects, such as kidney failure, blindness, nerve damage, amputation, heart attack, and stroke; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in California; and

WHEREAS, Caring for diabetic students in public schools has further complicated the lives of parents, students, and school staff alike; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes has significant indirect economic costs in lost production estimated over \$37 billion nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Researching a cure for type 1 diabetes will assist in curing type 2 diabetes and many other autoimmune diseases; and

WHEREAS, Finding a cure for diabetes will be far more cost effective than life-long treatment and will improve the quality of life and life expectancy of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the federal Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research, as mandated by Section 330B of the Public Health Service Act, ends with the 2008 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, as mandated by Section 330C of the Public Health Service Act, ends with the 2008 fiscal year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California proclaims its intention to develop a state-funded program for diabetes research; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California urges the President and Congress of the United States to renew the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

Attest:

Secretary of State