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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AP 1: THE SENIOR HEALTH PROMOTION ACT.

UNDER EXISTING LAW, THE FEDERAL OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED, SETS FORTH THIS STATE'S COMMITMENT TO ITS OLDER POPULATION AND AUTHORIZES AND FUNDS A VARIETY OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT SENIORS.

THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD UTILIZE PREVENTION FUNDING, THROUGH CALIFORNIA'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, TO FUND MORE EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS THAT WOULD SUPPORT SENIORS' DESIRE TO AGE IN PLACE.

VOTE: MAJORITY.

AP 1: RELATING TO THE SENIOR HEALTH PROMOTION ACT

WHEREAS, THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE SENIOR HEALTH PROMOTION ACT; AND

WHEREAS, THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT PROMOTES EFFECTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM USAGE TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR MORE COSTLY INTERVENTIONS AND ALLEVIATE THE INCREASE IN HEALTH CARE COSTS; AND

WHEREAS, EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS ARE PEER REVIEWED, ENDORSED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES AND RESPECTED RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, AND ARE RIGOROUSLY EVALUATED AND REPLICABLE REGARDING WHETHER THEY PRODUCE EXPECTED RESULTS AND WHETHER THE RESULTS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE PROGRAM; AND

WHEREAS, THE DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES SECTION OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT HAS ESTABLISHED A TIERED SET OF CRITERIA FOR DEFINING EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS; AND

WHEREAS, STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, WHICH MEASURES OUTCOME CATEGORIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SELF-EFFICACY AND HEALTH UTILIZATION, PROVIDES A MODEL FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS; AND

WHEREAS, PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AGING, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING, SCAN HEALTH PLAN, KAISER, AND SILVERSNEAKERS HAVE ESTABLISHED SUCCESSFUL

EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND DISEASE PREVENTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVENESS OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS CAN FACILITATE COMMUNITY BUY-IN, AS WELL AS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS; AND

WHEREAS, EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS, WHICH OFTEN OFFER WELL-PACKAGED PROGRAM MATERIALS AND STAFF TRAINING, INCREASE THE ODDS THAT A PROGRAM WILL WORK AS INTENDED AND THAT THE PUBLIC GOOD WILL BE ENHANCED; AND

WHEREAS, INCREASINGLY, FUNDERS AND POLICYMAKERS ARE RECOMMENDING, IF NOT REQUIRING, THAT EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS BE USED TO QUALIFY FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT; AND

WHEREAS, ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ETHNICALLY DIVERSE PROGRAMS, SHOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SERVICES THAT HELP THE ELDERLY AGE IN PLACE; AND

WHEREAS, EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS PROMOTE CALIFORNIA'S DUAL ELIGIBLE INTEGRATION DEMONSTRATION GOAL: "TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF AND ACCESS TO HOME AND COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES"; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMISSION ON AGING CALLED FOR THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS IN ITS MARCH 2012 REPORT "CELEBRATING CAREGIVING IN CALIFORNIA"; AND

WHEREAS, THE SENIOR HEALTH PROMOTION ACT SUPPORTS THE CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE AGING IN PLACE PROPOSAL OF 2012, WHICH WAS RANKED NUMBER 2; AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SHOULD EXERCISE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP BY CREATING A PROTOTYPE MODEL FOR THE EFFECTIVE DISSEMINATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY AND THE SENIOR SENATE, JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS 2013 REGULAR SESSION, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREFOR, HEREBY PROPOSES THAT PREVENTION FUNDING IS UTILIZED TO ENCOURAGE (1) THE INVESTMENT IN, (2) THE DEVELOPMENT OF, (3) THE DISSEMINATION OF, (4) THE ACCESS TO, (5) THE CERTIFICATION OF TRAINERS FOR, AND (6) THE SUSTAINABILITY OF MORE EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS TO HELP SENIORS AGE IN PLACE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT ALL SENIORS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH THE STATE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, NOT TO EXCEED \$300 PER SENIOR ANNUALLY, WITH COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING SHOULD PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF A HEALTH PROMOTION REGISTRY THAT INCLUDES: (1) PROVEN, DOCUMENTED, AND VALIDATED EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS

BENEFICIAL TO SENIORS, AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION ON AGING'S HIGHEST TIER CRITERIA AS WELL AS OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, (2) A LISTING OF CREDENTIALLED TRAINERS AND PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS FOR APPROVED EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS, AND (3) A WAY FOR SENIORS TO LOCATE AVAILABLE PROGRAMS, EMPHASIZING DISTRIBUTION OF THE INFORMATION TO PROVIDERS OF ALL KINDS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT DURING SENIOR CITIZEN MONTH, PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES, GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, AND MANAGED CARE OPERATORS SHALL PROMOTE AWARENESS OF PREVENTION BENEFITS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION OF HOW SENIORS CAN ACCESS EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS THROUGH THE HEALTH PROMOTION REGISTRY; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZES THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS SET FORTH IN THIS MEASURE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS MEASURE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.