
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 75
Author: Bigelow (R), et al.
Introduced: 4/25/17
Vote: 21

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: Read and adopted, 5/4/17

SUBJECT: California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month

SOURCE: Western Fairs Association

DIGEST: This resolution designates the month of May 2017 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month and extends the Legislature's warmest regards and appreciation to the thousands of volunteers, fair directors, staff, business supporters, and sponsors who keep the California fairgrounds' network strong, vibrant, relevant, and successful.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California's 76 fairgrounds serve the entire state, from the County of San Diego to Del Norte, and from the County of Monterey to Mariposa. These fairgrounds attracted over 20 million visitors for fairs and events in 2016.
- 2) California's counties enjoy the year-round economic, recreational, cultural, and social impacts of the fairgrounds.
- 3) California fairgrounds, after years of fire-related emergency use during the drought times, were again pressed into service for flood evacuations, including the Oroville Dam evacuations.
- 4) These 76 fairgrounds continue to serve as the social and economic hub of their respective communities and also provide public facilities for animals, pets, and livestock during good times and bad.

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Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 186 (Bigelow, Resolution Chapter 128, Statutes of 2016) designated June 2016 as California Fairground Appreciation Month and commended the directors, volunteers, staff, local agencies, nonprofits, and Californians who support and attend fairground events.

ACR 74 (Bigelow, Resolution Chapter 82, Statutes of 2015) designated June 2015 as California Fairground Appreciation Month and commended the directors, volunteers, staff, local agencies, and nonprofits, as well as the Californians who support and attend fairground events.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/16/17)

Western Fairs Association (source)
Rural County Representatives of California
SEIU, Local 1000

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/16/17)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to SEIU, Local 1000:

California's fairs provide immense economic benefits to the State and local communities in which they reside, including almost \$4 billion in economic activity, 30,000 full-time jobs and over \$60 million in state and local tax revenues.

Our fairs also deliver a tremendous public benefit by providing a place of gathering, cultural centers, affordable community facilities,

emergency response capabilities and disaster preparedness, and food, nutrition and agricultural education and awareness.

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