Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2017-23

Title: Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest

Sponsored by: Senators-at-Large Daniel Gomez and Hilda Jurado; Senator, College of Liberal

Arts Jonathan Wanless; Senator, College of Engineering Jordan Doering and

**Vice President Logan Vournas** 

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WHEREAS the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is

the single recognized voice for over 37,000 students of the university; and

WHEREAS the Senate serves as the Board of Directors for the corporation and implements its

authority as the legislative branch, voicing students' needs and interests to fulfill the

mission of student self-governance; and

WHEREAS the Senate, a board of students, for the students, is tasked with acting in favor or

against legislation to guarantee the best interests of students of CSULB; and

WHEREAS the Senate recognizes its duty to monitor legislation coming out of Sacramento is

boundless, and in doing so, will continue to voice students' interests on present and

future items in legislation; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors shall formally take positions on the following

legislative items regardless of status:

• Support - SB 16 (Wieckowski): Student Loan Repayment Parity

Support - SB 54 (De Leon): California Values Act

Support - SB 68 (Lara): AB 540 Modernization

Support - SB 483 (Glazer): Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018

• Support - AB 17 (Holden): Transit Pass Program

Support - AB 214 (Weber): College Student Hunger

Support - AB 216 (Gonzalez-Fletcher): Prepaid Postage on Vote-By-Mail Ballots

• Support - AB 10 (Garcia): Feminine Hygiene Products: Adequate Supply: School

and College Bathrooms and Shelters

• Support - AB 21 (Kalra): Public postsecondary education: Access to Higher

**Education for Every Student** 

Support - AB 393 (Quirk-Silva): Student Protection Act: Mandatory System-wide

Fees and Tuition

Support - AB 699 (O'Donnell): Education Equity: Immigration Status

**RESOLVED** the ASI Lobby Corps, along with the CSULB California Higher Education Student Summit

(CHESS) delegation, will advocate and lobby the California State Legislature regarding

the above bills and positions; and be it finally

**RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the ASI President, be

distributed to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, California

State Student Association, Governor Jerry Brown, CSULB President Jane Close Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Vice President for University Relations and Development Andrea Taylor, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Jersky, Dean of Students Jeff Klaus, all current and future ASI Officers, the Chair of the Academic Senate Norbert Schürer, City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, the Daily 49er and the Union Weekly.

Logan Vournas, Vice President &

Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

Marvin Flores, Associated Students President

Date

Date

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#### **BILL SUMMARY:**

### SB 16 (Wieckowski) Student Loan Repayment Parity

Summary: This bill would prohibit the amount of disposable earnings subject to levy from exceeding 15% of the individual's disposable earnings.

#### SB 54 (De Leon) California Values Act

Summary: This bill would prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies, school police, and security departments from using state/agency resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest a person for immigration enforcement purposes.

### SB 68 (Lara) - AB 540 Modernization

Summary: This bill would enable two years at a California Community College to count towards AB 540 eligibility.

### SB 483 (Glazer) - Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018

Summary: This bill would authorize the statewide sale of \$2 billion in general obligation bonds earmarked for higher education facilities at CSU and UC campuses. The bonds would go before voters in the 2018 general election.

#### AB 17 (Holden) Transit Pass Program

Summary: This bill would create the Transit Pass Program to be administered by the Department of Transportation. The bill would require the Controller of the State of California to allocate money made available for the program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to support transit pass programs that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to specified pupils and students.

#### AB 214 (Weber) College Student Hunger

Summary: This bill would clarify educational policies for the purpose of improving access for low-income students to the CalFresh program. For the purposes of federal regulation, this bill would specify the definition of half-time college enrollment. Additionally, it would require the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to provide written notice to Cal Grant recipients who qualify for the CalFresh program under federal regulations.

### AB 216 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) Prepaid Postage on Vote-By-Mail Ballots

Summary: This bill would require that the return envelope provided to vote-by-mail voters by election officials have pre-paid postage.

## AB 10 (Garcia): Feminine hygiene products: adequate supply: school and college bathrooms and shelters.

Summary: This bill would require the department to provide public and private schools, including charter schools, with an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products sufficient to meet the needs of all female pupils and to ensure that female pupils have direct access to feminine hygiene products in school bathrooms. This bill would require public and private institutions of higher education, including the California State University, each community college district, and the governing board of each independent institution of higher education,

and would encourage the Regents of the University of California, to provide an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products sufficient to meet the needs of female students at each campus in their respective jurisdictions and to ensure that female students have direct access to feminine hygiene products in college bathrooms. By imposing additional duties on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

### AB 21 (Kalra): Public postsecondary education: Access to Higher Education for Every Student.

This bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to the possible impacts on public postsecondary educational institutions in this state of changes in federal immigration policies and enforcement. The bill would add to the Donahoe Higher Education Act provisions that, commencing with the 2017-18 academic year, would require the Trustees of the California State University and the governing boards of community college districts, and would request the regents, to the fullest extent consistent with federal law, to: refrain from releasing certain information regarding the immigration status of students and other members of the communities served by these campuses; refuse to allow officers or employees of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enter campuses of their respective segments on official business of that agency unless they provide specified information and at least 10 business days' advance notice; provide stipends for health care for all students who are not eligible for Medicaid and who cannot afford health insurance provided through the institution; offer on-campus housing, or a stipend to cover the cost of off-campus housing, during the periods between academic terms to students who face a significant risk of being unable to return to their respective campuses, as specified; provide for access to legal services without cost to students who face a significant risk of being unable to complete their studies because of possible actions by federal agencies or authorities; and ensure that certain benefits and services provided to students are continued in the event that a specified federal policy is reversed. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature that the provisions of the bill be funded, commencing with the 2017-18 fiscal year, through appropriations for these purposes in the annual Budget Act.

### AB 393 (Quirk-Silva) Mandatory systemwide fees and tuition

Summary: This bill would express legislative findings and declarations relating to the costs of public postsecondary education. The bill would require that the amounts of tuition and mandatory system wide fees that are charged to students of the California State University, and the amount of the enrollment fee charged to students of the California Community Colleges, not be increased from the amounts that were charged as of December 31, 2016, until the completion of the 2019–20 academic year

#### AB 699 (O'Donnell): Education Equity: Immigration Status

Summary: The bill would prohibit school officials and employees, except as required by state law, from collecting information or documents about the immigration status of pupils or their family members or allowing an officer or employee of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enter a school site without providing valid identification, a statement of purpose, and receiving approval from the principal or district superintendent. The bill would encourage a school, when an employee of the school is aware that a pupil's parent or guardian is not available to care for the pupil, not to contact Child Protective Services to arrange for the pupil's care unless the school is unable to arrange for care through the use of emergency contact information or instructions provided by the pupil's parent or guardian. The bill would

require the governing board of a school district to perform specified actions relating to pupils and immigration status, including, among others, providing appropriate counseling to pupils who may be affected by enforcement activities of immigration agents. By imposing additional duties on school districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.