

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**



Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2018-18
Title: Positions on California State Legislature Bills of Interest
Sponsored by: Senator for the College of Liberal Arts Melissa Mejia, Senators-at-Large Stephanie Argent and Danielle Carancho
Date Submitted: February 22, 2018
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WHEREAS the Associated Students (ASI) Board of Directors of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and

WHEREAS the ASI 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 legislations to guarantee the best interests of CSULB students; 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 691 (Lara): Educational Equity: Immigration Status**
- Support - **SB 940 (Beall): Foster Youth Cal Grant**
- Support - **SB 968 (Pan): Mental Health Counselors**
- Support - **SB 1004 (Wiener): Mental Health Services Act**
- Support - **AB 1858 (Calderon): Financial Aid Shopping Sheet**
- Support - **AB 1887 (Medina and Limón): Board of Trustee Student Eligibility**
- Support - **AB 1894 (Weber): College Hunger**
- Support - **AB 1895 (Calderon): Dream Loan Repayment**
- Support - **AB 1896 (Cervantes): Sexual Assault Counselor-Victim Privilege**
- Support - **AB 2070 (Reyes): Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Prevention Training**
- Support - **AB 2784 (Caballero & Arambula): Emergency Student Housing Loan Program**
- Oppose - **AB 2248 (McCarty and Arambula): Student Financial Aid- Cal Grant Program**

RESOLVED the Lobby Corps, along with CSULB California Higher Education Summit (CHES) delegation, will advocate and lobby the California State Legislature regarding the above bills and positions; and be it finally

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RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President, be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, Cal 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 Piya Bose, all current and future ASI Officers, the Chair of the Academic Senate Norbert Schurer, and City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia.



Sofia Musman, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



Joseph Nino, Associated Students President

3/7/18
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Bill Summary:

SB 691 (Lara): Educational Equity: Immigration Status

Summary: Existing law states the policy of the State of California to afford all persons, regardless of their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other specified characteristic, equal rights and opportunities in postsecondary educational institutions of the state, and states that the purpose of related existing law is to prohibit acts that are contrary to that policy and to provide remedies therefore. This bill would expressly reference immigration status in the specified characteristics for purposes of those provisions.

SB 940 (Beall): Foster Youth Cal Grant

Summary: Existing Law, Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards, the California Community College Transfer Entitlement awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, the Cal Grant C awards, and the Cal Grant T awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions. Existing law provides that any California resident is entitled to a Cal Grant A Entitlement award, and requires the commission or a qualifying institution, as provided, to allocate that award, if certain criteria are met, including that the student submit a complete financial aid application, submitted or postmarked no later than March 2 of the academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent for the award year immediately following the academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent, or no later than March 2 of the academic year following high school graduation or its equivalent for the 2nd award year following the year of high school graduation or its equivalent. Existing law provides that any California resident is entitled to a Cal Grant B Entitlement award, and requires the commission to allocate that award, if certain criteria are met, including that the student submit a complete financial aid application in accordance with those same deadlines. This bill would provide alternative deadlines for submitting a complete financial aid application for a student who is a current or former foster youth, who is attending a qualifying institution that offers baccalaureate degrees or is attending a California community college, and has not yet reached 26 years of age as of July 1 of the award year. Existing law authorizes the renewal of Cal Grant A awards and Cal Grant B awards for a total of the equivalent of 4 years of full-time attendance in an undergraduate program, provided that minimum financial need, as defined, continues to exist, subject to certain exceptions. This bill would authorize the renewal of Cal Grant A awards and Cal Grant B awards, for a current or former foster youth, for a total of the equivalent of 8 years of full-time attendance in an undergraduate program, provided that minimum financial need continues to exist.

SB 968 (Pan): Mental Health Counselors

Summary: This bill would require the CSU, the community colleges, and the governing body of each independent institution of high education, and request the UC, to hire one full-time equivalent mental health counselor per 1,000 students at each of their respective campuses to the fullest extent consistent with state and federal law. The bill would require those institutions, on or before January 1, 2020, and

every 3 years thereafter, to report to the Legislature how funding was spent and the number of mental health counselors employed on each of its campuses, as specified.

SB 1004 (Wiener): Mental Health Services Act

Summary: The current mental health services act imposes a 1% tax on those with incomes over \$1,000,000 and distributes these funds for prevention and early diagnosis which includes outreach, access to medical care, reducing stigma, and reducing discrimination. This bill would amend the law to include early psychosis and mood disorder detection, college mental health outreach, engagement and service delivery, and childhood trauma prevention and intervention.

AB 1858 (Calderon): Financial Aid Shopping Sheet

Summary: (1) This bill would add to the Donahoe Higher Education Act a provision that would require, by January 1, 2020, and permanently thereafter, each campus of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, and each independent institution of higher education to use the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet as developed by the United States Department of Education to inform students or potential students about financial aid award packages. (2) This bill would add to the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 a provision that would require, by January 1, 2020, and permanently thereafter, each institution subject to its provisions to use the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet as developed by the United States Department of Education or a successor document identified by the Student Aid Commission to inform students or potential students about financial aid award packages. (3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

AB 1887 (Medina and Limón): Board of Trustee Student Eligibility

Summary: The California Legislature determined that "California must take action to avoid supporting or financing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people." (Gov. Code, § 11139.8, subd. (a)(5)). The following states are currently subject to California's ban on state-funded and state-sponsored travel: Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.

AB 1894 (Weber): College Hunger

Summary: This bill would require an approved on-campus qualifying food facility that participates in the RMP pursuant to the bill to meet all of the requirements for participation in that program. The bill would also provide that, for purposes of this provision, a qualifying food facility is a facility administered by the postsecondary educational institution. This bill would authorize the State Department of Social Services to enter into a statewide memorandum of understanding with the Chancellor of the California State University to prevent hunger among college students who are homeless, elderly, and disabled and to facilitate compliance with the provision described in (1) above. The bill would also authorize any qualifying food facility located on a campus of the California State University to participate in the CalFresh RMP through this statewide memorandum of understanding, even if the facility is located in a county that does not participate in the RMP. The bill would define "restaurant" for purposes of the bill to include an in-campus food facility, as defined. The bill would also require the State Department of Social Services to implement this act by all-county letters or similar instructions until regulations are adopted. The bill would require the department to adopt regulations implementing the bill on or before October 1, 2020.

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AB 1895 (Calderon): Dream Loan Repayment

Summary: The California DREAM Loan Program states that a student attending a participating campus of the University of California or California State University may receive a loan, referred to as a DREAM loan, through the program if the student satisfies specified requirements, including a requirement that the student be exempt from paying nonresident tuition or meet equivalent requirements adopted by the Regents of the University of California. Repayment of the DREAM loan begins following a 6-month grace period that begins when a student graduates or ceases to maintain at least half-time enrollment in a degree or certificate program. The program requires a participating campus to determine eligibility for deferment or forbearance of a DREAM loan in accordance with the standards set forth in specified federal law. This bill would require a participating campus, on or before January 1, 2020, to adopt procedures for a borrower to select an income-based repayment plan for the repayment of a DREAM loan, as specified.

AB 1896 (Cervantes): Sexual Assault Counselor-Victim Privilege

Summary: Currently, there is a privilege for a victim of a sexual assault to refuse to disclose, and to prevent another from disclosing, a confidential communication between the victim and a sexual assault counselor should that privilege be claimed by the victim, an authorized representative of the victim, or the sexual assault counselor. The definition of "sexual assault counselor" includes a person who is engaged in any office, hospital, institution, or center commonly known as a rape crisis center, whose primary purpose is giving advice or assistance to victims of sexual assault. This bill would include within the definition of "sexual assault counselor" a person who is engaged in a program on the campus of a public institution of higher education, which provides advice or assistance to victims of sexual assault.

AB 2070 (Reyes): Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Prevention Training

Summary: Existing law requires boards of all community, public, and private colleges or universities to adopt victim centered policies and programs as well as outreach regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and thorough investigation and trauma-informed training programs involving cases of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This law would require that outreach programs include informing students about specific topics relating to domestic and dating violence, such as: warning signs, on- and off-campus policies and resources.

AB 2784 (Caballero, Arambula, and Steinorth): Emergency Student Housing Loan Program

Summary: This bill would establish the California Student Loan Refinancing Program under the administration of the authority, with the goal of helping eligible college graduates to refinance student loan debt at favorable rates by creating a revolving fund so that additional refinancing may occur to help more qualified borrowers, as defined, through the creation of a loss reserve account, as defined. The bill would authorize the authority to contract with any financial institution, as defined, for the purpose of allowing the financial institution to participate in the program. The bill would require the authority to establish a loss reserve account, consisting of moneys deposited by the authority, as specified, for each financial institution with which the authority enters into a contract. The bill would specify the conditions under which a qualified loan, as defined, may be enrolled in the program in order to obtain the protection against loss provided by its loss reserve account the bill would establish eligibility requirements for qualified borrowers to participate in the program. The bill would require the authority to submit an annual Report to the Governor and the Legislature describing the program's financial condition and results, as specified. The bill would authorize the board of the authority to adopt emergency regulations

for the implementation of the program established by the bill. Because this bill would authorize the authority to raise and expend funds for new purposes, the bill would make an appropriation.

AB 2248 (McCarty and Arambula): Student Financial Aid- Cal Grant Program

Summary: The Cal Grant Program establishes the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards, the California Community College Transfer Entitlement awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, the Cal Grant C awards, and the Cal Grant T awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions. Existing law defines “full time” for purposes of determining Cal Grant eligibility to mean 12 or more semester units or the equivalent. The bill would instead, at the start of the 2022–23 academic year, define “full time” for purposes of determining Cal Grant eligibility to mean 15 or more semester units, or 30 or more units in an academic year, or the equivalent.