

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

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2021-07
Title: Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest
Sponsored by: Senators-at-Large Sumaiyah Hossain and Sierra Darwin
Co-Sponsored by: Chief Government Relations Officer Mateo Maya and Lobby Corps Student-at-Large Hannah Peedikayil
Date Submitted: February 8, 2021
Date Approved: March 3, 2021

WHEREAS the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors at 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 to ensure that legislation best serves the interests of CSULB's students as well as it acknowledges students' agency to speak out on their concerns; and

WHEREAS ASI Lobby Corps is a subcommittee of ASI Senate tasked with acting in accordance to students' needs, and is "committed to making students' voices heard on all levels that impact the students at California State University, Long Beach, including the State level;" now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the CSULB ASI Board of Directors shall formally take a position of support on the following legislative items regardless of statute:

- AB 53 (Low) Election Day Holiday
- AB 58 (Salas) Pupil Health: Suicide Prevention Policies and Training: School-Based Health Programs: Pilot Program
- AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer) Peace Officers: Minimum Qualifications
- AB 140 (Cervantes) California Kickstart My Future Loan Forgiveness Program
- AB 154 (Voepel) Pilot Income Share Agreement
- AB 245 (Chiu) Educational Equity: Student Records: Name and Gender Changes
- AB 288 (Bonta) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021
- AB 532 (Weber) California State University Parking Fairness Act
- SB 4 (Gonzalez) Communications: California Advanced Services Fund
- SB 14 (Portantino) Pupil Health: School Employee and Pupil Training: Excused Absences: Youth Mental and Behavioral Health
- SB 16 (Skinner) Peace Officers: Release of Records
- SB 17 (Pan) Public Health Crisis: Racism
- SB 20 (Dodd) Student Nutrition: Eligibility for CalFresh Benefits
- SB 22 (Glazer) Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022
- SB 53 (Leyva) Unsolicited Images
- SB 56 (Durazo) MediCal: Eligibility
- SB 98 (McGuire) Public Peace: Media Access
- SB 224 (Portantino) Pupil Instruction: Mental Health Education

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- SB 290 (Skinner) Density Bonus Law: Qualifications for Incentives or Concessions: Student Housing for Lower Income Students: Moderate-Income Persons and Families: Local Government Constraints
- SB 291 (Stern) Advisory Commission on Special Education: Pupil Advisory Council
- SB 461 (Roth) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Summer Term Students
- SB 660 (Pan) Postsecondary Education: Mental Health Counselors; and be it further

RESOLVED that the ASI Senate and Lobby Corps supports Governor Gavin Newsom’s proposed 2020-21 budget; and be it further

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

RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to California Governor Gavin Newsom, CSU Chancellor Joseph Castro, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, Long Beach City Council Members, CSULB President Jane Conoley, Provost Brian Jersky, Vice President of Student Affairs Beth Lesen, Chair of Academic Senate Jessica Pandya, Dean of Students Piya Bose, the Cal State Student Association (CSSA), all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Media.

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Maythe Alderete Gonzalez, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

3/18/2021
Date

Omar Prudencio Gonzalez
Omar Prudencio Gonzalez, Associated Students President

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BILL SUMMARIES

AB 53 (Low): Election Day Holiday

This bill would add the day on which a statewide general election is held, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of any even-numbered year, to the list of holidays. The bill would require community colleges and public schools to close on any day on which a statewide general election is held. The bill would require that state employees, with specified exceptions, be given time off with pay for days on which a statewide general election is held. The bill would provide that the third Monday in February, also known as Washington Day, is observed only in odd-numbered years.

AB 58 (Salas) Pupil Health: Suicide Prevention Policies and Training: School-Based Health Programs: Pilot Program

This bill would require local educational agencies to update policies on pupil suicide prevention by June of 2022. This bill would require local educational agencies to require suicide prevention and awareness trainings starting the 2022-23 school year. This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to establish a school health center at five local educational agencies where the rates of pupil suicide are highest.

AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer) Peace Officers: Minimum Qualifications

This bill would increase the minimum qualifying age from 18 to 25 years of age. This bill would permit an individual under 25 years of age to qualify for employment as a peace officer if the individual has a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university. The bill would provide legislative findings in support of the measure.

AB 140 (Cervantes) California Kickstart My Future Loan Forgiveness Program

This bill would establish the California Kickstart My Future Loan Forgiveness Program which would provide eligible applicants a monthly student loan forgiveness award equal to the full amount of his or her monthly federal repayment plan for two years after graduation. To be eligible a student must apply within two years of graduating, earn less than \$50,000 a year, have obtained an undergraduate degree from a California college or university, work in California and have a repayment plan that is generally 10% of his or her discretionary income.

AB 154 (Voepel) Pilot Income Share Agreement

This bill would establish a pilot income share agreement program at one campus each in the University of California and California State University systems. Under the program, students would be able to pledge a portion of future incomes in exchange for reduced tuition. Starting six months after graduating, students in the program would give a percentage of their income to their university for 10 years.

AB 245 (Chiu) Educational Equity: Student Records: Name And Gender Changes

This bill would require UC's, CSU's, and CCC's to update a former student's records to reflect the student's updated legal name or gender if the institution has received government-issued documentation demonstrating that the former student's legal name or gender has been changed. Beginning with the 2023–24 graduating class, the bill would require an institution to provide an option for a graduating student to request that the diploma to list the student's chosen name

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AB 288 (Bonta) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021

This bill establishes the College and Career Access Pathways Act to authorize California Community College districts to enter into formal partnership agreements with local school districts to expand access to concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students. Specified high school pupils can enroll in up to 15 units per term if those units are required for these pupils' partnership programs and are exempt from specified fee requirements.

AB 532 (Weber) California State University Parking Fairness Act

This bill would require each campus of the California State University to make the purchase price of each student parking permit lower than the purchase price of any campus employee parking permit that is valid for the same date or dates, time period or periods, and general location or locations on campus as the student permit.

SB 4 (Gonzalez) Communications: California Advanced Services Fund

This bill would expedite financing and construction of broadband infrastructure in areas with limited internet connectivity to increase broadband access. This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to prioritize projects in unserved areas and would revise the eligibility criteria for grants awarded from the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account and the Broadband Public Housing Account.

SB 14 (Portantino) Pupil Health: School Employee and Pupil Training: Excused Absences: Youth Mental and Behavioral Health

This bill would include the mental or behavioral health of a pupil to be included as an excused absence. It would also require the State Department of Education to identify an evidence-based training program for a local educational agency to use in training school employees who have direct contact with pupils on youth mental and behavioral health. The bill would require the local educational agency to certify that at least 50% of certificated employees have received the youth mental and behavioral health training. The department would also be required to identify a training program with a curriculum tailored for pupils in grade 10-12.

SB 16 (Skinner) Peace Officers: Release of Records

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2022, make every incident involving use of force to make a member of the public comply with an officer, force that is unreasonable, or excessive force subject to disclosure.

SB 17 (Pan) Public Health Crisis: Racism

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the department, in collaboration with the Health in All Policies Program, the Office of Health Equity, and other relevant departments, agencies, and stakeholders, to address racism as a public health crisis.

SB 20 (Dodd) Student Nutrition: Eligibility for CalFresh Benefits

This bill would require the Student Aid Commission to provide a written notice to students who qualify for the community college enrollment waiver fee that they [may] qualify for CalFresh benefits. Students who qualify for the fee waiver, and who have a household income below 200% of the federal poverty level may qualify for the max extent of CalFresh benefits.

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SB 22 (Glazer) Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022

This bill would raise the limit on the total amount of bonds issued by a school district or community college district to 2%. This bill would also raise the limit on the amount of bonds issued by a unified school district to 4% and would make a similar increase to community college districts. This bill would also require a school district to submit a five-year school facilities master plan to the Department of General Services as a condition of participating in the school facilities program. It would establish the 2022 State School Facilities Fund, and authorize the board to apportion, and make disbursements of, moneys in the fund. This bill would authorize the board to provide a grant to test for lead in water outlets used for drinking or preparing food on school sites serving kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12. This bill would finally set forth the Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022 as a state general obligation bond act that would provide \$15 billion to construct and modernize education facilities.

SB 53 (Leyva) Unsolicited Images

This bill would make it a crime, punishable by a fine, to knowingly and electronically send an unsolicited image depicting any person engaging in sexual acts or exposing the genitalia of any persons. The bill would also create a private cause of action against the sender and would entitle the plaintiff to receive economic/non-economic or statutory damages of no less than \$1,500 and no more than \$30,000.

SB 56 (Durazo) MediCal: Eligibility

Existing law prevents people over the age of 65 and without satisfactory immigration status from accessing Medi-Cal benefits. This bill would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, and effective July 1, 2022, extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals who are 65 years of age or older, and who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status.

SB 98 (McGuire) Public Peace: Media Access

This bill would require that an authorized news representative be allowed to enter an area that peace officers have closed off in which constitutionally protected activity (i.e. a demonstration, march, protest, or rally) is occurring. Peace officers would be prohibited from intentionally assaulting, interfering with, or obstructing the authorized news representative who is gathering, receiving, or processing information for communication to the public. The bill would prohibit the authorized news person from being cited for failure to disperse or violating curfew or another specified law. If detained, the representative would be permitted to contact a supervising officer immediately for the purpose of challenging the detention.

SB 224 (Portantino) Pupil Instruction: Mental Health Education

This bill would require each school district to ensure that students in grades 1-12 receive medically accurate, age-appropriate mental health education from instructors trained in the appropriate courses at least once in elementary school, once in middle school, and once in high school. The instruction would be required to include the overarching themes and core principles of mental health and to be appropriate for use with students of all races, genders, sexual orientations, ethnic/cultural backgrounds, English learners, and students with disabilities.

SB 290 (Skinner) Density Bonus Law: Qualifications for Incentives or Concessions: Student Housing for Lower Income Students: Moderate-Income Persons and Families: Local Government Constraints

This bill would require a unit designated to satisfy city/county inclusionary zoning requirements to be

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included in the total number of units on which a density bonus and the number of incentives are based. A city/county would be required to grant one incentive/concession for a student housing development project that will include at least 20% of the total units for lower income students.

SB 291 (Stern) Advisory Commission on Special Education: Pupil Advisory Council

This bill would establish an advisory council composed of 15 individuals, from the ages of 16-24, with exceptional needs to provide the Advisory Commission on Special Education with advice and input from current pupils with exceptional needs. The state board would nominate a pool of qualified candidates for appointment to the council and the Superintendent would make the final appointment. The bill would also increase the number of members on the Advisory Commission to 18 individuals.

SB 461 (Roth) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Summer Term Students

This bill allows students that received the Cal Grant A or Cal Grant B in any term during the academic year to be eligible to receive a Cal Grant award for the following summer term. The bill would limit eligibility for this award to a total of two summer terms. The summer Cal Grant award will not count against the 4-year eligibility limitation that applies for the Cal Grant A award and Cal Grant B award renewals.

SB 660 (Pan) Postsecondary Education: Mental Health Counselors

This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University and the governing board of each community college district to establish a goal of having one full-time equivalent mental health counselor with an applicable California license per 1,500 students enrolled at each of their respective campuses. This bill would also require that every three years those institutions would report to the Legislature how funding was spent and the number of mental health counselors employed on each of its campuses and conduct a campus survey and focus groups to understand students' mental health needs and challenges.