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A Resolution in Support of 2024 California Higher Education Student Bills

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WHEREAS, the mission of California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) Student Government (SG) is to place the students at the center of our educational experience by leading with integrity and selflessly serving the students and the University on a local, state, and national level; and CI SG serves as the official representative voice of CI students; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI Student Government is an entity of Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University Channel Islands; and

WHEREAS, AB 810¹ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would require public higher education institutions to conduct background checks, helping combat the systemic issue of “passing the harasser” and helping to protect students, staff, and faculty members from sexual misconduct, harassment, and violence; and

WHEREAS, AB 1160² is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would protect students who owe an institutional debt from being denied enrollment and presentation of degrees and certificates upon graduation; and

¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB810#99INT

² <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB1160/id/2898645>

WHEREAS: AB 2458³ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would increase access to information and institutional support for student parents with the following requirements of the CSU:

- Develop and implement a campus policy for estimating and adjusting cost of attendance information for student parents
- Establish a data field in the campus's data management information system to identify student parents for certain purposes
- Update its campus net price calculator to include a baseline student parent cost estimate as specified; and

WHEREAS: AB 2407⁴ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would hold public higher education institutions accountable by requiring independent audits of all sexual harassment complaints, the audit for each institution shall:

- Evaluate compliance with applicable federal and state laws when a student, faculty member, or staff member is the respondent of a sexual harassment complaint
- Assess efforts to coordinate and ensure consistency in the institution's response to sexual harassment complaints, ensuring compliance with laws and best practices
- Review the investigatory process of sexual harassment complaints to identify areas for improvement
- Determine the adequacy of policies and procedures for preventing, detecting, and addressing sexual harassment
- For substantiated sexual harassment complaints, analyze the consistency, reasonableness, and timeliness of disciplinary actions, assessing their proportionality and effectiveness in deterring future harassment while aligning with relevant laws, institution policies, and best practices; and

WHEREAS: AB 2586⁵ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would ensure the CSU shall not disqualify a student from being eligible to apply for an employment position at the campus due to their failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, which would expand undocumented student opportunities, except in the following cases:

- Where that proof is required by federal law
- Where that proof is required as a condition of a grant that funds the particular employment position for which the student has applied; and\

³ <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2458/id/2927188>

⁴ <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2407/id/2925478>

⁵ <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2586/id/2928921>

WHEREAS: AB 2608⁶ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would help combat sexual harassment and violence on college campuses by expanding the scope of mandatory training required by students, to include additional topics, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault; and

WHEREAS: AB 3112⁷ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would protect students through the restriction of tuition increases, using the consumer price index as a ceiling price for all California postsecondary education institutions when raising tuition; and

WHEREAS: AB 1905⁸ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would prevent employees of public postsecondary educational institutions from being entitled to retreat rights or receiving a letter of recommendation if they are found to have committed sexual harassment in response to a complaint or if they resign before a final decision is reached; and

WHEREAS: AB 2047⁹ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would mandate that each systemwide Office of Civil Rights create a comprehensive nondiscrimination policy and devise a grievance process tailored for complaints of sex discrimination involving systemwide employees, members of the systemwide governing body, or designated individuals; and

WHEREAS: AB 2048¹⁰ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would require that every CSU and UC campus, as well as each community college district, establish a dedicated Title IX office; and

WHEREAS: AB 2326¹¹ is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would transfer the primary responsibility for ensuring freedom from discrimination in campus programs and activities, encompassing the prevention of sexual harassment and other specified characteristics to the president of each CSU campus, and would also require the office of the Chancellor of the CSU to annually submit and present a report to their respective Boards on the state of their higher education institution; and

WHEREAS: SB 1166¹² is a bill that, if enacted by the state of California, would make it so The CSU must submit an annual report to the Legislature by December 1st, which details investigations and outcomes of sexual harassment incidents and formal complaints; and

RESOLVED, that CSU Channel Islands Student Government stands in support of AB 810, AB 1160, AB 2458, AB 2407, AB 2586, AB 2608, AB 3112, AB 1905, AB 2047, AB 2048, AB 2326, and SB 1166 as bills that would provide significant benefit to the experience and education of all CSUCI students; and be it further

⁶ <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2608/id/2928943>

⁷ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB3112#99INT

⁸ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1905

⁹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2047

¹⁰ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2048

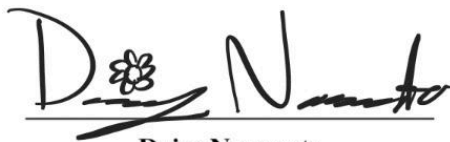
¹¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2326

¹² https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1166

RESOLVED, CSUCI Student Government Lobby Corps has attended the California State Student Association’s California Higher Education Student Summit in March 2024 and met with the offices of Senator Stern, Assembly Member Bennett, Assembly Member Irwin, and Senator Limón to share student experiences on the AB 810, AB 1160, AB 2458, AB 2407, AB 2586, and AB 3112; and be it further

RESOLVED, that CSU Channel Islands Student Government encourages the California state legislature to move forward with the passage of the above bills; and let it be finally

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following: Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Laphonza Butler, Congresswoman Julia Brownley, State Senator Monique Limon, State Senator Henry Stern, Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, Assemblymember Steve Bennett, CSU Board of Trustees, University President Dr. Richard Yao, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Eboni Ford Turnbow, Dean of Students Julia R. Heck, Vice Provost Mitch Avila, ASI Board of Directors, Student Organizations & Involvement, Ventura County Board of Supervisors, Ventura County Star, The Acorn, The CI View, CSU Channel Islands Student Body, and CSUCI Academic Senate.



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