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Resolution in Support of the Federal For the Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, the CSUEB ASI Policy Agenda for 2021-2022 states that “We are focused on providing accessible and equitable resources for all students, particularly students of color or those often underrepresented.”¹and

WHEREAS, the Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill advocates for the implementation of “significant California Comeback Plan investments in college affordability and access – including expanded student financial aid, education and training grants for workers displaced by the pandemic, transfer pathways for community college students and college savings accounts for low-income and underrepresented public school students.”²and

WHEREAS, “Year-round financial aid can boost enrollment and credit accumulation in the summer and help students accelerate their studies.”³ and

WHEREAS, the Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill will work to “create more equitable and streamlined pathways from school to career, the budget trailer bill establishes a Learning-Aligned Employment program at the UC, CSU and CCC to help underrepresented students with

¹California State University, East Bay. *Policy Agenda*. Retrieved from:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1peXAn0YsvQx87qOm7Euyceg4Pj3oRamKMwaYxJ76jro/edit>

²Office of Governor, Gavin Newsom. *Governor Newsom Signs Legislation to Make College More Affordable and Accessible in California*. Retrieved from: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/27/governor-newsom-signs-legislation-to-make-college-more-affordable-and-accessible-in-california/>

³MDRC. *Using Innovations in Financial Aid to Support College Success*. Retrieved from:
<https://www.mdrc.org/publication/using-innovations-financial-aid-support-college-success>



financial need gain relevant work experience, promoting long-term employment opportunities.”⁴and

WHEREAS, “We must encourage accreditors to focus on student outcomes, raise the bar for quality, and promote transparency. Accreditors must offer new levels of transparency and quality assurance based on outcomes—not just inputs. We must encourage institutions to improve their performance by recognizing and rewarding colleges with strong student outcomes, especially with the neediest students, and incentivizing underperforming colleges to improve. All institutions and systems must do more to control costs and innovate to make degrees more affordable, and focus on their success rate with students who have traditionally been least likely to complete their programs and degrees.”⁵and

WHEREAS, “The state’s spending plan will provide \$350 million in one-time Proposition 98 funds, available over five years, for programs that recruit and support teachers in specific fields where shortages are occurring, including special education, bilingual education, science, computer science, technology, engineering, mathematics, transitional kindergarten and kindergarten. The allocation also supports efforts to recruit and retain a diverse teacher workforce.”⁶and

WHEREAS, “Special education would receive a cost-of-living adjustment of 4.05 percent in the budget, which channels \$396.8 million in ongoing Proposition 98 funding to increase the statewide base rate to \$715 per student.”⁷be it therefore

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI extends our support for the Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill as students with health risks will be able to get a valuable education through independent learning

⁴ Office of Governor, Gavin Newsom. *Governor Newsom Signs Legislation to Make College More Affordable and Accessible in California*. Retrieved from: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/27/governor-newsom-signs-legislation-to-make-college-more-affordable-and-accessible-in-california/>

⁵ U.S. Department of Education. *College Affordability and Completion: Ensuring a Pathway to Opportunity*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ed.gov/college>

⁶ OCDE Newsroom. *5 takeaways from the education trailer bill approved by the California Legislature*. Retrieved from: <https://newsroom.ocde.us/5-takeaways-from-the-education-trailer-bill-approved-by-the-california-legislature/>

⁷ OCDE Newsroom. *5 takeaways from the education trailer bill approved by the California Legislature*. Retrieved from: <https://newsroom.ocde.us/5-takeaways-from-the-education-trailer-bill-approved-by-the-california-legislature/>



and many underrepresented programs such as special education and bilingual studies will get an increase in funding; and

RESOLVED, ASI encourages California Senators and East Bay faculty to increase their focus on student success by accommodating for students who may feel at risk being on campus amidst the pandemic and ensuring more mental health resources, such as counselors are available; and

RESOLVED, ASI encourages California Senators to create access to more affordable higher education opportunities by creating more scholarship opportunities and increase funding for the CSU; and

RESOLVED, ASI encourages the California State Student Association to extend their body's support for the bill, and encourage the rest of the California State University system to follow; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Bob Hertzberg, Congressman Brad Hertzberg, Congressman Eric Swalwell, Congressman Ro Khanna, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, Congressman Mike Thompson, Representative Josh Harder, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, our University President, Vice President for Student Affairs, Coordinator of the Diversity, Diversity and Inclusion Center, Executive Director for International Programs, President of the California State Student Association, Vice President of Legislative Affairs of the California State Student Association, President of the University of California Student Association, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

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Approved On:

ASI President/CEO does hereby [] *approves* / [] *refuses to approve* this resolution.




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