DATE: June 6, 2024

NAME: The Honorable Josh Newman, Chair Sente Committee on Education

ADDRESS: 1021 O Street, Room 6520, Sacramento, CA 94814

SUBJECT: AB 2586 (Alvarez) – Support

On behalf of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC), I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2586 (Alvarez), which is crucial for enhancing and supporting student employment across California.

AB 2586 proposes essential changes that will significantly benefit student workers by prohibiting the three public segments of the California higher education system from disqualifying a student from being eligible to apply for an employment position at a campus due to their failure to provide proof of federal work authorization. The bill would also require the three segments of the higher education system to implement and administer the bill within 90 days of the effective date of its provisions.

The ASCCC has long championed and supported undocumented students within the community college system and emphasizes the importance of supporting students' comprehensive needs, including employment, as part of their educational journey. AB 2586 is a legislative measure that directly contributes to this objective by improving employment options for students, thus allowing them to meet their educational and personal commitments more effectively.

We ask that you continue to support and advocate for the passage of AB 2586. We believe that with your support, we can transform the landscape of student employment in California to one that is more inclusive, flexible, and supportive of student needs.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your ongoing support of the California Community Colleges. Should you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Cheryl Aschenbach, President