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Members of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
1020 N Street, Room 173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Support AB 1746 (Medina)

Dear Members of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education,

On April 17, 2021, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges passed Resolution S22 6.01, which reads as follows:

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) adopted Resolution S16 06.01^a *Support Legislation to Increase Cal Grant Awards*, as proposed in AB 1721 (Medina, 2016) and AB 1892 (Medina, 2016), at the 2016 Spring Plenary Session;

Whereas, The ASCCC has prioritized support on expansion of Cal Grants^b;

Whereas, The ASCCC continues to advocate for increases to Cal Grant awards^c; and

Whereas, AB 1746^d (Medina, 2022, as of April 9, 2022) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Reform Act would revise the existing Cal Grant Program into a new Cal Grant Program that would revise and recast the provisions establishing and governing the existing Cal Grant Program into a new Cal Grant 2 and Cal Grant 4 program, expand eligibility to be consistent with Pell Grant income eligibility, and include an inflationary increase to community college awards;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support AB 1746^e (Medina, 2022, as of April 9, 2022) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges continue to advocate for increases in Cal Grant award amounts in order to help students with funding for the total cost of attendance.

Therefore, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges expresses its position of support for AB 1746 (Medina, 2022) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act (As of April 9, 2022).

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Dolores Davison, President

^a Resolution S16 06.01: <https://asccc.org/resolutions/support-legislation-increase-cal-grant-awards>

^b ASCCC Position January 2019: <https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/Cal%20Grant%20Letter%20of%20Support%20-%20Jan%2014%202019.pdf>

^c Rostrum article, *Cal Grant Modernization and the True Cost of College*, April 2021

^d https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2122

^e https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2122