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Members of the Senate Committee on Education  
1021 O Street, Room 6740  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: SB 1141 (Limón) Public postsecondary education: exemption from payment of nonresident tuition

Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee,

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) is sending this letter to express our support for SB 1141 (Limón) as of March 29, 2022. This bill, which is sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, would further remove time-consuming and cost-prohibitive barriers in accessing the nonresident tuition exemption included in AB 540 (Firebaugh et al, 2001). The bill would change the threshold to qualify for in-state tuition from three to two years of full-time attendance and remove the two-year cap on full-time enrollment in credit courses that can be counted towards achieving AB 540 status.

Too many students have abandoned their college dreams due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, especially low-income students and students of color. Through SB 1141, the limitations of prior legislation that have unintentionally left out some undocumented students and prevented them from accessing AB 540 benefits will be alleviated. Expanding the number of students who qualify for in-state tuition will allow California's most vulnerable residents access to benefits that will save them time and money in pursuing higher education. SB 1141 represents the principles of fairness and equity for which California strives.

The ASCCC has actively supported increasing access to educational opportunities for undocumented students through many resolutions, including [Resolution S16 06.06](#) and [Resolution F17 07.06](#). In addition, the ASCCC has advocated for resources and programs for DACA students through [Resolution F17 03.01](#).

For these reasons, the ASCCC wishes to express its **position of support** for SB 1141 (Limón) as of March 29, 2022.

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

Respectfully,

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President