

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

Bill Number: Senate Resolution # 2018-06
Title: In Support of the Dream Act of 2017
Sponsored by: Senators-at-Large Hilda Jurado and Danielle Carancho
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WHEREAS the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the single recognized voice for over 37,000 students of the university; and

WHEREAS Lobby Corps is a sub-committee of the ASI Senate committed to ensuring students' voices are heard at the local, state and federal government levels; and

WHEREAS ASI Senate passed Resolution #2018-04 titled "Support for Recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival," which did the following:

- 1) Encourage the university and ASI to continue to provide more support and resources to undocumented students
- 2) Urge Lobby Corps to prioritize their support for DACA recipients and undocumented students as a primary focus for future lobby visits, including the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS)
- 3) Encourage the university to continue to join higher education leaders in their call to pass legislation similar to the Dream Act; and

WHEREAS the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, established in 2012, provided eligible undocumented immigrants with the ability to apply for temporary deferrals of deportations and [for] work authorization; and

WHEREAS the DACA program enabled approximately 800,000 individuals to obtain employment through which they pay taxes and gained protection from deportation¹ and 200,000 of those individuals are students in the CSU system; and

WHEREAS on September 5, 2017 the Trump Administration announced the rescission of the DACA program² and put pressure on Congress to pass legislation to replace DACA by March of 2018; and

WHEREAS a bipartisan piece of legislation called the Dream Act of 2017 sponsored by Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and cosponsored by Senators Durbin (D-IL), Flake (R-AZ), and Schumer (D-NY) was introduced in Senate on July of 2017; and has gained co-sponsorship from 6 additional senators, including both Senators of California, Kamala Harris & Dianne Feinstein (D-CA);³ and

WHEREAS the Dream Act is an acronym for Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors; and

¹ <http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/04/politics/daca-dreamers-immigration-program/index.html>

² <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-expected-announce-daca-decision-today/story?id=49611829>

³ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1615/cosponsors>

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this bipartisan, bicameral bill would provide undocumented individuals who were brought to the United States as children and have lived in the U.S. for at least four years; protection from deportation and an opportunity to obtain legal status if they meet certain requirements; and

WHEREAS the requirements go as followed:

- 1) Establish that they were brought to the United States younger than 18 and have lived in the country for at least four years prior to the bill's enactment
- 2) Demonstrate admission to a college or university, have earned a high school diploma, or in the process of earning a high school diploma or an equivalent
- 3) Pass a background check and contain no criminal record
- 4) Pay a fee; and

WHEREAS the Dream Act of 2017 is very similar — almost identical — to the program President Obama unilaterally established by executive order in 2012; and

WHEREAS if the individual fulfills all necessary requirements of the Dream Act of 2017, they will be able to:

- 1) Earn permanent residency for up to 8 years
- 2) Gain a chance to eventually seek citizenship
- 3) Be free of the fear of deportation
- 4) Work legally
- 5) Travel out of the country; and

WHEREAS both versions of the bill, labelled H.R. 3440 in the House and S. 1615 in the Senate, were introduced in July, and await votes in the House and Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS the clean passage of the Dream Act of 2017 will allow individuals, who deserve to be in this country, the opportunity to enrich the lives of all Americans; and it will help the American economy as these undocumented individuals will be making a positive fiscal impact on our society through their payment of taxes and contribution to society by sharing their skills and talents; and

WHEREAS this piece of legislation will also continue to support our country's values as these immigrants continue to pursue their American Dream and make positive and lasting contributions to our great country; and

WHEREAS a recent poll found that 76% of Americans support the Dream Act, with three-quarters of Americans either supporting a path to citizenship or legal status, particularly for immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children;⁴ now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that CSULB ASI supports and promotes the Dream Act of 2017, as it is the most viable option moving toward stable immigration reform and laws; and be it further

⁴ <http://www.politifact.com/california/statements/2017/sep/19/nancy-pelosi/nancy-pelosi-claims-three-quarters-americans-suppo/>

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- RESOLVED** that ASI Lobby Corps lobbies and advocates on behalf of supporting the Dream Act of 2017 at the local, state and federal government levels; and prioritizing it as one of the main discussion items at the annual California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS); and be it further
- RESOLVED** that ASI collaborates with the university and organizations on campus to help promote and inform students on supporting the Dream Act of 2017; and be it finally
- RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Vice President for Administration and Finance Mary Stephens, Vice President for University Relations and Development Andrea Taylor, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Jersky, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Min Yao, Director of the Dream Success Center Rafael Topete, Assistant Director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs Christian Lozano, City of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and Councilmembers, California State Student Association, CSSA President Maggie White, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, all current ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and the Union Weekly.

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Sofia Musman, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

Joseph Nino
Joseph Nino, Associated Students President

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