

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #06-12

ASI SUPPORTS ASSEMBLY BILL 2813

- WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) is the official voice of Cal Poly students, and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Grant Program provides aid to financially needy students pursuing undergraduate studies at California's colleges and universities, and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Grant Entitlement Program serves all students who apply for aid within 18 months of graduating high school and meet all other eligibility requirements, and
- WHEREAS: Students applying after 18 months of graduating high school are not eligible for the Cal Grant Entitlement Program, and must compete for a grant through the Cal Grant Competitive Program, and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Grant Competitive Program has a limited number of awards (22,500 annually) provided to students who rank the highest in an eligibility pool, and
- WHEREAS: In 2004 136,200 qualified students were defaulted into the Competitive Program because of their age, and of these, only 16% received a Competitive Cal Grant Award and nearly 113,000 did not receive an award, and
- WHEREAS: The current Cal Grant policy unfairly discriminates based on a person's age and is only available to students under the age of 24, and
- WHEREAS: The average CSU Student is 24 years old, and
- WHEREAS: Cal Grant recipients are divided into two categories, Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B, based on their GPA and financial status, and
- WHEREAS: Cal Grant A recipients receive aid the full four years of college, while Cal Grant B recipients only receive aid for the last three years, and
- WHEREAS: Assembly Bill (AB) 2813 will alleviate age discrimination as it pertains to Cal Grant entitlement awards, and
- WHEREAS: Assembly Bill (AB) 2813 will alleviate financial status discrimination as it pertains to inequities between Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B duration of award eligibility.
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: ASI supports AB 2813 in an effort to alleviate age discrimination as it pertains to Cal Grant entitlement awards, and
- FUTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: ASI supports AB 2813 in an effort to alleviate financial status discrimination as it pertains to inequities between Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B duration of award eligibility.

CERTIFIED as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this 3rd day of May, 2006.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors by Directors by majority vote on May 3, 2006 2006.

ASI Secretary

ASI Chair of the Board

ASI President

Sponsored by: **Adam Serafin**, ASI Board of Directors, Orfalea College of Business
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