

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

Resolution #18-06

ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SUPPORT OF H.R. 2926 – REPORT AND  
EDUCATE ABOUT CAMPUS HAZING (REACH) ACT

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serve as the official voice of over 21,000 students at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and
- WHEREAS: The Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act (H.R. 2926) seeks to amend the Higher Education Act of 1962 to require colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to, under the Clery Act, disclose incidents of hazing in their Annual Security Report and report statistics of referrals for discipline and arrests specific to hazing,<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS: The REACH Act would also require higher education institutions to provide students with educational programming on hazing, which shall include information on hazing awareness, hazing prevention, and the institution's policies on hazing,<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS: According to a national hazing study titled "Hazing In View: College Students At Risk" which is based on the analysis of 11,482 survey responses from undergraduate students across the United States,
- 55% of students involved in clubs, teams, and organizations experience hazing;
  - Hazing occurs in, but extends beyond, varsity athletics and Greek-letter organizations and includes behaviors that are abusive, dangerous, and potentially illegal;
  - Students recognize hazing as a part of campus culture, as 68% of students who belonged to a student activity reported they were aware of hazing activities occurring in student organizations other than their own;
  - Students report limited exposure to hazing prevention efforts that extend beyond a "hazing is not tolerated approach,"<sup>3</sup> and
- WHEREAS: The REACH Act has received support from other student organizations such as the Cal Poly Panhellenic Association, and
- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors acknowledges that hazing does not exclusively affect individuals affiliated with Greek organizations and could potentially impact any Cal Poly student regardless of their affiliation(s), and

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<sup>1</sup> Congressman Patrick Meehan (2017). *Bipartisan Bill Targets Hazing on College Campuses*. <https://meehan.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/bipartisan-bill-targets-hazing-on-college-campuses>.

<sup>2</sup> Report and Educate About Campus Hazing Act, HR 2926, 115<sup>th</sup> Cong. (2017).

<sup>3</sup> Allan, Elizabeth J, and Mary Madden. *Hazing in View: College Students At Risk*. 2008. University of Maine College of Education and Human Development.

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RESOLVED: Due to ASI's commitment of promoting success and connecting all students to the ultimate college experience, the ASI Board of Directors supports the REACH Act because, if enacted into law, it will raise awareness about hazing as well as provide all students with hazing prevention resources that can help promote personal well-being, and

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RESOLVED: In order to help satisfy the needs of collegiate constituents in California Congressional District 24, the ASI Board of Directors encourages U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal (D-24) to co-sponsor the REACH Act, and

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RESOLVED: If approved, this Resolution will be sent to United States Congressman Salud Carbajal, United States Congressman Patrick Meehan, United States Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, Cal Poly Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Humphrey, Cal Poly Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, and Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

Attest:  
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ASI Secretary

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Signed:  
ASI Chair of the Board

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Signed:  
ASI President

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