



September 7, 2021

The Honorable Philip Ting  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget  
California State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for certain provisions of AB 169, as amended on September 5, 2021

Dear Chair Ting:

On behalf of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), I am writing to share our appreciation for the Legislature's support of higher education and continued commitment during these difficult times of COVID-19. HACU supports the following provisions of AB 169:

Page 8: Cradle-to-Career Data System. Section 10860 of the education code amendment that any data managed under the California Cradle to Career Data System shall not be used or disclosed except for purposes consistent with this article. Further, whether it is protected under applicable federal or state law, personal information managed under this article shall be de-identified before being released to the public. While privacy is important to all students, this is particularly true for our undocumented and mixed status families who worry about their information being shared. We appreciate that all information will be protected.

Page 15: The Higher Education Capacity Expansion Grant Program. California's Hispanic-Serving Institutions, which include most of the University of California, California State University, and California Community College Campuses, have significant financial need to expand or modernize their campuses to better serve a growing, largely first-generation, and low-income student population. Our students deserve to have safe, modern facilities in which to learn. California should commit to ensuring its universities have access to this important funding stream.

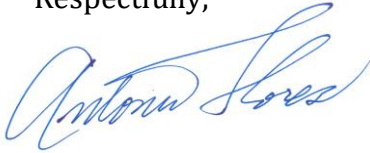
Page 24: Selective Service Registration. We support the amended language that any accompanying regulations or formal policy to verify Selective Service registration is waived for applicants eligible for Cal Grants pursuant to Section 690508.5. This language has posed an unnecessary barrier in the past to those students, and we support removing the provision.

Page 26: Cal Grant Award to students in the independent institutions of higher education. HACU supports ensuring that the maximum tuition award amounts for Cal Grant A and B awards for students attending independent institutions of higher education shall be \$9,220 for renewal applicants. Students should not have their financial aid cut at any point, particularly important during the pandemic that disproportionately affects lower-income students.

As the Legislature works to enact this final higher education trailer bill before it adjourns, we thank you and the Administration for your continued support of higher education and a state budget that protects access and success to the higher education for college students, including California's

undocumented students. If you have any questions, please contact Erica Romero, Assistant Vice President for State Advocacy, at 916-248-9534 or [erica.romero@hacu.net](mailto:erica.romero@hacu.net).

Respectfully,



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