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HACU Urges Support for California Dream Act (now Senate Bill 65)

HACU urges the leadership of its California members, as well as our partners and friends, to contact Assembly Member Portantino, Chair of the California State Assembly Higher Education Committee **immediately** to urge him to support SB 65 (the California Dream Act). **Senate Bill 65 will be heard in Assembly Higher Education on July 3, 2007.** SB 65 by Senator Cedillo would allow AB 540 students access to institutional financial aid, in so far as federal law permits.

Background Info: SB 65 is the new bill number for the California Dream Act, previously SB 160. **If the bill is not passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on July 3, it will become a two-year bill.**

See attachments for a copy of the bill and a sample letter.

What you can do:

Your action will make the difference in getting SB 65 out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. Please fax a letter (see sample letter) or make a personal telephone call TODAY. Remember, even if you can't speak on behalf of your school, you can speak for yourself, and every letter makes a difference.

In addition to sending a letter to the Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, if any of the Members of Assembly Higher Education represent you, please send them a support letter as well. For a complete list of Members, [click here](#).

Contact Erica Romero, HACU's Executive Director of Western States Legislative Affairs, at 916-442-0392 for additional information or assistance.

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