



RESOLUTION No. 2013-14-14

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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION APPROVED: December 16, 2013

SUBJECT: In Support of the Prompt Ban on Fracking in the State of California

WHEREAS, the Associated Students is the official voice of the Students of Humboldt State University (HSU); and,

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 4 was passed recently which would supposedly create the strongest regulations around fracking in the country. However, because of last minute amendments made to the bill, it is too weak to be effective in protecting California from the dangers of fracking. These amendments include the fact that companies can avoid releasing the chemicals used in fracking processes under the protection of them being "trade secrets", that individual well sites will not require EIR reviews under CEQA, and that oil and gas companies have more than a year to frack freely until regulations are created, which will be 2015 at the earliest; and,

WHEREAS, green-house gases that are emitted from fossil fuels impact the environment negatively. The burning of the 13.7 billion barrels of oil that would be extracting through fracking of the Monterey Shale. When refined and burned, could add an additional 10 trillion pounds of CO₂ to the atmosphere.

WHEREAS, a number of California counties, municipalities and some colleges have passed bans, moratoriums, or resolutions, putting a ban on fracking; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, At Humboldt State, sustainability is widely reflecting in our vision and values. Conserving resources, championing social responsibility, as well as reducing our overall carbon footprint, are goals of numerous initiatives and policies. As is the case with many green endeavors at Humboldt State, students are deeply involved in creating a campus that operates with sustainability in mind.

RESOLVED, that HSU Associated Students support the prompt adoption and implementation of a ban on fracking in the state of California; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the following parties: all HSU College Deans, HSU President Dr. Rollin Richmond, all HSU Vice Presidents, the HSU University Senate, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, CSU Board of Trustees, the Arcata City Council, Congress Member Jared Huffman State Senator Noreen Evens, Assembly Member Wes Chesbro, and Governor Jerry Brown.

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