



RESOLUTION No. 2012-13-1

AUTHORED BY: AS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL

ACTION APPROVED: September 10, 2012

SUBJECT: A Resolution in Support of Proposition 30 Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

WHEREAS, the Associated Students (A.S.) of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the official representative body, and the voice of HSU's more than 8,000 students and is entrusted to represent the best interests of our constituents; and,

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the A.S. to educate students on issues that impact them, and advocate for the student perspective to the appropriate parties, which include the university administration and faculty, and government representatives and agencies on the local, statewide and national levels; and,

WHEREAS, the CSU has recently faced substantial budget cuts from the state, including a reduction of \$750 million in 2012¹; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the state budget cuts, the CSU has also faced a series of tuition and fee increases since 2001, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from \$1,428 in 2001 to an estimated \$5,970 in 2012¹; and,

WHEREAS, every \$1 invested in the CSU yields a \$5.43 return back to the California economy, sustains almost 150,000 jobs and provides a majority of graduates in key economic areas such as agriculture, medicine, criminal justice and education²; and,

WHEREAS, the state of California currently has a \$15.7 billion deficit; and,

WHEREAS, the current state budget assumes the passage of Proposition 30 in order to balance the budget; and,

WHEREAS, if rejected by voters, the 2012-13 budget would be reduced by \$6 billion statewide⁵; and,

¹CSU Budget Office: <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-rates/>

²CSU Economic Impact Report: <http://www.calstate.edu/impact/docs/CSUImpactsReport.pdf>

³CA Enacted State Budget 2012-13: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/Enacted/BudgetSummary/BSS/BSS.html>

⁴Secretary of State Proposition Analysis <http://wig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2012/general/pdf/30-title-sum-analysis.pdf>

⁵CA Enacted State Budget 2012-13: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/Enacted/BudgetSummary/BSS/BSS.html>

WHEREAS, the California higher education system faces an automatic “trigger cut” of \$250 million to the CSU and the University of California (UC) system, and \$548.5 million to the California Community College (CCC) system if voters do not approve the Governor’s Tax Initiative in November³; and,


WHEREAS, the California education system faces a potential trigger cut of \$5.4 billion, with \$250 million cut to the CSU⁴; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 increases personal income taxes on annual earnings over \$250,000 for seven years, and will increase sales tax by ¼% for four years⁴, 89% of the tax revenues will be allocated to K-12 education and 11% to community colleges; therefore, be it,

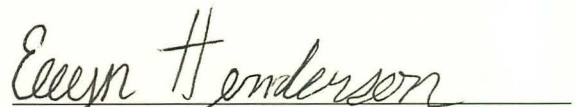
RESOLVED, A.S. of HSU supports Proposition 30 and its dedication of funds to education and a balanced state budget; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that A.S. of HSU will take an active role in advocating for higher education, its benefits to the state of California and the issues affecting each campus to state and local representatives and the general public; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, HSU President Rollin Richmond, The Lumberjack Newspaper, HSU Alumni Association, CSU Campus Presidents, CSU Associated Students, the California State Student Association, California Faculty Association, University of California Student Association, California Teachers Association, Governor Jerry Brown, The Sacramento Bee, and The Times-Standard.



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