



September 21, 2013

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1358 (Fong)- Student body association: student representation fee- SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the SSSCC Region, which consists of Eleven (11) Colleges, we write to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 1358 (Fong).

In 1987, Governor Deukmejian signed AB 2756 (Hayden) which established a Student Representation Fee (SRF) at California Community Colleges that adopted this voluntary fee. The SRF is a voluntary \$1.00 contribution collected at the time of registration for the purpose of providing student governmental affairs representatives the means to engage local, state, and federal government, as well as other public agencies.

Unlike their counterparts at the CSU and the UC, community college students do not have a mechanism in law to allow them to establish sustainable funding for their statewide student association. Established over 30 years ago, the California State Student Association (CSU students) and the University of California Student Association (UC students) have represented their student constituency at the local, state, and federal level with the financial support of their students. Unfortunately, despite having over 2.4 million students attend California's community college system, these students do not have the legal authority to voluntarily, sustainably and consistently support their statewide student organization.

AB 1358 will assist California Community College students in establishing and sustaining statewide legislative and governmental advocacy through their recognized representative organization. We hope that you will *support and sign* AB 1358. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Chair  
SSCCC Region V