RESOLUTION No. 2014-15-1

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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL

ACTION APPROVED: May 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Position of Support on SB 1210

WHEREAS, The Associated Students Council (AS Council) of Humboldt State University (HSU) is committed to increasing educational opportunities for students across California; and,

WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are 1,300 undocumented students enrolled in the University of California and another 6,400 in the California State University; and,

WHEREAS, The California Dream Act was authorized by the State Legislature with the approval of Assembly Bill (AB) 130 and AB 131, and subsequently signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in the Fall of 2011. This step forward allows qualifying AB 540 students to receive in-state tuition rates and to receive state financial aid awards (Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver and Cal Grants respectively); and,

WHEREAS, Students who are undocumented cannot receive Federal Pell Grants, nor Federal loans (subsidized and unsubsidized), and they lack the full financial funds to pay for all of their college expenses—“$5,000 to $6,000 at the University of California and $3,000 for the California State University;” and,

WHEREAS, State Senator Ricardo Lara submitted Senate Bill (SB) 1210 to the Legislature for consideration, and if enacted, loan programs would established at each individual campus by 2015-16, allowing qualifying undocumented students to receive loans; and,

WHEREAS, to qualify for loans pursuant SB 1210, students would have to meet the following criteria: a) they are exempt from paying nonresident tuition; b) they have applied for financial aid pursuant the Dream Act and California Student Aid Commission; c) they are enrolled at least half time and in good academic standing with their university; d) they are determined by their university to have financial need; e) they continue to make academic progress at their university; f) they are not incarcerated; g) they are not currently in loan default; and, h) they are enrolled in a program that is eligible for the Cal Grant; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the AS Council of HSU that we support SB 1210 and undocumented students’ pursuit of higher education; and be it finally

RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be sent to, but limited to, HSU’s President, Vice President of Student Affairs, Humboldt’s district representatives in the state assembly and senate, Humboldt’s respective congressional representatives, HSU’s The Lumberjack, The Times-Standard, The Lost Coast Outpost and the Mad River Union.

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