



California Association for Bilingual Education

January 27, 2025

The Honorable Assembly Member Patrick Ahrens
State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 6110
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 243 (Ahrens)
Position: Support

Dear Assembly Member Ahrens:

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) is pleased to support AB 243 (Ahrens), as introduced on January 14, 2025, which would require financial administrators of the California community colleges, California State University, or University of California, or the Student Aid Commission, to accept a sworn statement signed under penalty of perjury by a representative of a local education agency, county welfare department, or probation department as sufficient documentation for student aid.

CABE believes that California must lead the nation in its vigilant protection and support for the safety and well-being of California's immigrant community who are already facing objectification and are beginning to face harassment and intimidation. This important measure will assist students wishing to pursue higher education to have an opportunity to afford to pay for this access.

CABE thanks you for your leadership and support on this issue. Should you have any questions regarding our request, feel free to reach out to CABE's Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker at jbaker@m-w-h.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edgar Lampkin".

Dr. Edgar Lampkin
CABE Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Baker".

Jenifer Baker
CABE Legislative Advocate