



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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SENATE RESOLUTION

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FEE

IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR MATA TO THE SENATE

A RESOLUTION

Implementation of the Bakersfield College Student Transportation Fee

WHEREAS, the mission for Bakersfield College is to, "provide opportunities for students from diverse economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds to attain Associate and Baccalaureate degrees and certificates, workplace skills, and preparation for transfer";

WHEREAS, Bakersfield College serves over 30,000 students from diverse geographic areas, ranging from suburban Bakersfield (population over 300,000) to rural farming areas such as Arvin, Delano, McFarland, and Tulare County;

WHEREAS, transportation is an amenity that is crucial for students and is a potential differentiator that can not only save college students money but also become a crucial component to a student's education;

WHEREAS, Maslow's Hierarchy of needs have Physiological needs (food, water, warmth, and rest) and safety needs as two of the five basic needs for an individual to achieve one's fundamental goals;

WHEREAS, the average transportation cost for a student attending a California Community College is between \$1,180 and \$1,324 per year, and the rising costs of gas may push students away from receiving an education; and

WHEREAS, section 76361 of the Education Code, "The governing board of a community college district may require students in attendance and employees at a campus of the district to pay a fee for purposes of partially or fully recovering transportation costs incurred by the district or of reducing fares for services provided by common carriers or municipally owned transit systems to these students and employees";

Be it resolved by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association Addendum A be used as a reference guide for the new transportation student fee;

Be it resolved by the Senate, that District employees may participate in the program and if the individual employee pays adequate fees;

Be it resolved by the Senate that all students are assessed the student fee at the time of registration of classes except for Students who not live in the county of Kern.

Be it resolved by the Senate that annually the fee will be reviewed and adjusted per the cost of living and/or contracts made with local public transportation agencies.

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association that the new transportation student fee be placed on the Spring 2021 BCSGA General Elections for majority vote passage.

Be it further resolved that upon approval at the Spring 2021 BCSGA General Elections, the BC Director of Student Life be tasked to ensure all measures are conducted at the college and district level for fee implementation.