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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 43

Introduced by Assembly Member Leno

February 15, 2006

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 43—Relative to federal education policy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 43, as amended, Leno. Federal education policy: Trio programs: Upward Bound and Talent Search.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress to remove from the President's 2007 budget proposal the recommendation that would reduce funding for the federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and Talent Search. The measure would also request that the federal TRIO programs continue to be funded at or above their current funding levels. ~~The measure would also urge the United States Representatives from California to oppose a specified amendment to the Fiscal Year 2007 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill that would prohibit state universities from offering undocumented students in-state tuition or other education benefits unless the state university also grants those same benefits to students from all 50 states.~~

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The 2007 budget proposal of the President of the
2 United States requests a significant reduction in funding for the
3 federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and Talent Search; and

4 WHEREAS, The federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and
5 Talent Search, were authorized under the Higher Education Act
6 of 1965, continuing President Lyndon B. Johnson’s declaration
7 of “War on Poverty”; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and
9 Talent Search, are educational opportunity outreach programs
10 designed to assist and prepare low-income, first generation
11 college students and veterans of the military to continue their
12 studies from high school to postbaccalaureate programs; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and
14 Talent Search, put into practice the cornerstone concept that the
15 federal government can reduce poverty within the United States
16 by increasing the number of low-income students that receive a
17 postsecondary education; and

18 WHEREAS, The federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and
19 Talent Search, foster skills and motivation among low-income,
20 first generation college students that are necessary to increase the
21 rates of their enrollment in and graduation from institutions of
22 postsecondary education; and

23 WHEREAS, The federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and
24 Talent Search, currently serve 877,777 students nationwide,
25 69,756 of them in California; and

26 WHEREAS, The federal government currently allocates \$823
27 million nationwide to implement the federal TRIO programs,
28 Upward Bound and Talent Search, with \$72 million of the total
29 going to California programs; and

30 WHEREAS, The federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and
31 Talent Search, provide disadvantaged California students with
32 essential services such as instruction in a core curriculum subject,
33 academic advising, tutorial services, mentoring programs,
34 assistance in completing college and financial aid applications,
35 and support in preparing for college entrance exams; now,
36 therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
38 *California, jointly,* That, because the federal government can
39 continue to employ the cornerstone concept of reducing poverty
40 by increasing the number of disadvantaged students who receive

1 a postsecondary education, the Legislature respectfully
2 memorializes the President and the Congress to remove the
3 recommendation in the President's 2007 budget proposal calling
4 for a reduction in funding for the federal TRIO programs,
5 Upward Bound and Talent Search; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon the President and
7 Congress to continue to fund, at or above their current funding
8 levels, the federal TRIO programs, Upward Bound and Talent
9 Search, that have helped countless numbers of Californians
10 overcome the class, social, academic, and cultural barriers that
11 often come between them and their academic goals; and be it
12 further

13 ~~*Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the United States~~
14 ~~Representatives from California to oppose the amendment to the~~
15 ~~Fiscal Year 2007 Labor, Health and Human Services, and~~
16 ~~Education Appropriations Bill proposed by Representative John~~
17 ~~Culbertson of Texas that would prohibit state universities from~~
18 ~~offering undocumented students in-state tuition or other~~
19 ~~education benefits unless the state university also grants those~~
20 ~~same benefits to students from all 50 states; and be it further~~

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
22 copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of
23 the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
24 the Majority Leader of the Senate, and each Senator and
25 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
26 States.