

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

12/10/2025

Senator Mateo introduced the following Bill
Senator Sosa-Diaz seconded the following Bill

A Resolution

Condemning Harmful Immigration Policies and Upholding Support for the Undocumented Students at Cerritos College

SR-2526-05

Whereas: Cerritos College welcomes and supports students regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, and will continue admitting students in full compliance with its nondiscrimination policy, without regard to race, national origin, religion, citizenship, or any other protected characteristic. Cerritos College is committed to providing an environment where all admitted students can pursue their studies, careers, and transfer goals successfully

Whereas: The Associate Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) intends this Resolution not to be a letter of sympathy, but instead be a call to action;

Whereas: On November 19, ICE was active on campus, yet a campus alert was issued only after 40 minutes, inaccurately labeling them as “Federal Police,” despite ICE not being a police agency;

Whereas: Additionally, recent and ongoing actions by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have resulted in fear, family separation, and harm to immigrant and undocumented members of our communities;

Whereas: Numerous courts have concluded that civil immigration detainers are voluntary requests to local law enforcement and are not mandatory. No written state or federal law requires colleges or universities to assist ICE in enforcing immigration laws. Local law enforcement may also be held liable for improperly detaining individuals eligible for release based solely on civil immigration detainers;

Whereas: Many cities, counties, school districts, and higher education institutions, including Cal Poly Pomona, have adopted policies limiting cooperation with ICE and resisting actions that could reveal an individual’s immigration status;

Whereas: Primary jurisdiction over federal immigration laws does not rest with campus police or any other state or local law enforcement agency; community trust is essential in allowing campus police to serve the College effectively and campus police’s limited resources should not be diverted from the critical mission of keeping our students safe, by participating in enforcement of federal immigration laws or by assisting federal immigration authorities in any way;

Whereas: Primary jurisdiction over federal immigration laws does not rest with campus police or other state or local enforcement agencies. Community trust is essential for effective campus safety, and campus police resources should not be diverted from their mission of keeping students safe by participating in federal immigration enforcement or assisting federal immigration authorities;

Whereas: In the absence of a judicial warrant or an emergency, access to non-public areas and the sharing of student information are prohibited by law.

Resolved: ASCC is committed to partnering with college offices to make sure students understand campus procedures related to immigration enforcement. This includes ensuring that immigration officers cannot enter private campus areas without a valid judicial warrant

Resolved: ASCC not only urges the College to comply with SB 98 promptly but also not sugarcoat ICE into being “Federal Police” and acknowledge that it is actually them on campus, including implementing real-time electronic notifications.;

Resolved: ASCC calls on faculty to regularly share important safety information, emergency contacts, and campus resources to ensure students remain aware, prepared, and supported;

Resolved: ASCC asks the College to provide flexibility and understanding to students who may face challenges related to attendance, housing, transportation, or other issues during periods of heightened immigration enforcement, ensuring responses remain empathetic and aligned with College policy;

Resolved: ASCC supports continued campus-wide education on what community members should know during potential immigration encounters, including understanding one’s rights, how to stay safe, how to navigate situations involving arrest or detention, and how to support undocumented classmates and their families;

Resolved: ASCC expresses its support for immigrant and undocumented communities and upholds its responsibility to remain a space that provides education, opportunity, and advocacy for every individual

Resolved: ASCC will pass SR-2526-05 condemning any federal immigration enforcement presence or activity on or around campus that threatens student well-being or disrupts the learning environment.

Amendment History

None.

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote: December 10, 2025

Senators Voting Aye (15): Castro, Chamberlain, Chavez, Chung, Ferdous, Godinez, Hernandez, Mateo, Miranda, Montoya, Nieto Mejia, Om, Sosa-Diaz, Valdez, Walters

Senators Voting Nay (0): None.

Senators Abstaining (0): None.

Vote Count: 15 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

Senators Absent (9): Aquino, Ayub, Bennett, Castro, De Las Alas, Haque, Kedir, Raya, Rubianes, Vega, Villar

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No