

ACTION ITEM

To:	Board of Trustees	Date:	April 20, 2021
From:	Superintendent/President		
Subject:	Resolution 21-03 Support of Senate Bill 927 (Medina): Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program	Item Number:	12.A.
Strategic Goal:	Goal IE1: To identify the institutional capacity to fulfill the college mission	Enclosures:	Page 1 of 2

BACKGROUND

In 2014, in order to help address a need for more workforce-related bachelor's degrees, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 850 authorizing up to fifteen community college districts to offer baccalaureate degrees so long as they did not duplicate programs already offered at state universities. Those programs have proven to be very successful serving diverse populations, an older population and, at times, a population that may not otherwise have access to a baccalaureate degree program.

Resolution 21-03 supports Assembly Bill 927 which authorizes additional community colleges to apply to the State Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges for approval of additional baccalaureate degree programs. This would allow Hancock College to offer targeted bachelors-level degrees that are essential for our community, our economy, and our future

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the board of trustees adopt Resolution 21-03 Support of Senate Bill 927 (Medina): Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

Administrator Initiating Item: Kevin G. Walthers	Final Disposition:
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Resolution 21-03
of the Board of Trustees
Allan Hancock Community College District
Support of Senate Bill 927 (Medina): Public Postsecondary Education: Community
Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Community College District affirms that workforce education is one of the most important missions of California's community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes that a growing number of workforce fields and employers now require a bachelor's degree in their job qualifications; and

WHEREAS, California's public universities either do not offer or lack the capacity for providing adequate baccalaureate instruction in these high-demand workforce fields; and

WHEREAS, students who need programs that are not provided in California's public universities in these workforce fields are compelled to leave the state in order to obtain their degrees or to enroll in high-cost non-profit institutions, or in expensive for-profit institutions that have questionable success rates and result in significant student debt; and

WHEREAS, community colleges are able to provide high-quality and accessible, local programs at the baccalaureate level; and

WHEREAS, students graduating from Allan Hancock College must travel more than 100 miles to attend a California State University Institution; and

WHEREAS, AB 927 has been introduced by Assembly member Medina, as successor legislation to SB 850 and SB 1406 that proposes to make the existing baccalaureate pilot programs permanent, and expand the opportunity of offering baccalaureate programs to all community colleges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Allan Hancock Community College District supports Assembly Bill 927, which would make permanent and expand the state's baccalaureate pilot program, thereby supporting continued student recruitment and participation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent/President to provide the Board's resolution to members of the legislature, statewide, community and business organizations and leaders, and others who can assist in implementing this important expansion of opportunity for students in California higher education.



Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Allan Hancock Joint Community College District