

SB-739 CALIFORNIA UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH PILOT PROJECT

Sponsor: Berry, Mahogany, Avalos, Morales

WHEREAS, Existing law establishes the State Department of Social Services and requires the department to administer various public social services programs, including the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families and individuals, and the CalFresh program, under which supplemental nutrition assistance benefits allocated to the state by the federal government are distributed to eligible individuals by each county.

WHEREAS, This bill would require the department, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, to administer the California Universal Basic Income for Transition Age Youth pilot project, under which a California resident who is 21 years of age who exited foster care upon reaching 21 years of age would receive a universal basic income of \$1,000 per month for 3 years. The bill would define universal basic income to mean unconditional cash payments of equal amounts issued monthly to individual residents of California with the intention of ensuring the economic security of recipients. The bill would require the department to submit a specified report relating to the pilot project to the Legislature by January 1, 2026. The bill would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions by means of a departmental directive or similar instruction.

WHEREAS, the bill targets former foster youth because the social services that they depended on for years are abruptly cut off at age 21. Many are unable to quickly gain financial independence and face serious problems along the way. Former foster youth are less likely to have stable housing, more likely to face significant mental and physical health problems, and are less likely to pursue higher education.

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee urges the Members of the California Appropriations Committee to pass this Bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Senate Appropriations Members, Senator Anthony Portantino, Senator Patricia Bates, Senator Steven Bradford, Senator Brian Jones, Senator Sydney Kamlager, Senator John Laird, and Senator Bob Wiekowski.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gloria Berry

ADOPTED: (Date 7/28/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion passes by acclamation
with Members Ting, Cohen, and Ma abstaining

Addendum:

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Resolution in support of AJR-17 Military Behavioral Health Care

Sponsor: Gloria Berry, **Avalos, Mahogany**

WHEREAS, Mental health and substance use disorders are serious and tragic public health problems that can be curtailed through increased awareness, resources, and proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, Mental health and substance use disorders affect all Americans, but data shows that active duty service members and veterans experience these problems at much higher rates than the civilian population; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, veterans accounted for 13.5 percent of all deaths by suicide among United States adults and constituted 7.9 percent of the United States adult population, indicating a substantial gap between the services veterans need and the help they actually receive, and the number of veteran's deaths stemming from unaddressed substance abuse and other behavioral health issues is unknown, but likely substantial; and

RESOLVED by the San Francisco Democratic County Central strongly urges the California Assembly and Senate to pass AJR17 and urges the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to take all measures to ensure that military veterans can access necessary treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorders in a timely manner, ensuring veterans the level of care to which their honorable service to our country entitles them; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director of the SF DCCC transmit copies of this resolution to the CA Committee on Military and Veterans, the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

Propounded by : Gloria Berry

Adopted : (Date 7/28/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion passes by acclamation
with Members Ting, Ma, and Thomas abstaining

Addendum:

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