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## Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Napa County Legislative Subcommittee

**FROM:** Helene Franchi for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office

**REPORT BY:** Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112

**SUBJECT:** SB 173 (Dodd) CalFresh Postsecondary Student Eligibility

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible action on SB 173 (Dodd), a bill to develop a more uniform eligibility determination process for CalFresh benefits for college students participating in work study.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SB 173 is intended to increase awareness and utilization of CalFresh by college students participating in work study through a more uniform eligibility determination process.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Food insecurity is widely recognized as a serious problem on college campuses. Additionally, many colleges and universities utilize different forms for the same student eligibility determination purposes. This makes navigating the process more difficult for students and also makes it more difficult for county staff who process CalFresh applications to know conclusively which students may qualify for an eligibility exemption

SB 173 requires representatives of the office of the Chancellor of the Community Colleges, the office of the Chancellor of the CA State University, UC Chancellors' offices, and California Department of Social Services (CDSS), to create a standardized form to be used by the colleges to verify the work study exemption status of students who are approved and anticipating participation in state or federal work study. To the extent practicable, the colleges shall distribute the form to all students approved for state or federal work study. CDSS will provide clear instructions on how to use the form to all county human services agencies. This will make the exemption identification process easier for financial aid offices, students seeking benefits, and county health and human services agencies.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . SB 173
- B . SB 173 Fact Sheet

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan