



State based DREAM Act Talking Points (California example)

The CA DREAM Act is an investment in our state's economy

- The California DREAM Act will help **nurture the next generation** of doctors, scientists, architects, and scholars who are crucial to the success of the California economy.
- Our state faces a deficit of one million college-educated workers by 2025. [Source: [PPIC](#)] AB 131 is a smart, responsible investment in our future.
- Meeting the urgent demand for a skilled, educated workforce will create more prosperity for all Californians.

Helping students achieve their dreams helps all Californians

- The California DREAM Act gives **bright, dedicated students a chance to earn an education, which will help them further participate and contribute** to our state's economy.
- These students are Californians in all but paperwork – they grew up here and are part of the fabric of our communities.
- Undocumented youth come from tax-paying families that contribute greatly to our state. In fact, households headed by undocumented immigrants in California paid \$2.7 billion in state and local taxes paid in 2010. [Source: [The Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy](#)]

This is about expanding opportunity for everyone

- The California Dream Act will give all students an equal opportunity to access existing resources they already contribute to through University fees and taxes.
- This is an extremely diverse group of students. In the University of California system, about 70% of the students who qualify under the California DREAM Act are US citizens or Legal Permanent residents of other states. At UC, the largest group of eligible students is Asian-American. [Source: [UC Office of the President report](#)- see pages 3, 12]
- It's important to know that estimates from the CA Dept. of Finance show only 1% of all Cal Grant funds would potentially go to Dream Act students. [Source: [Office of Gov. Brown](#)]