



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH POLICY COALITION

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Chair Caballero
Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 2200
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1288 (Becker) AI in Education Work Group – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Caballero,

The Northern California Youth Policy Coalition (NCYPC) writes to express our support for Senate Bill 1288 by Senator Becker.

The Northern California Youth Policy Coalition represents youth from over thirty counties across Northern California from the North Coast to the North State to Sacramento. We seek to give a voice to rural youth who feel unheard and a platform to come together to advocate for issues that are most important to our rural youth in Northern California. Our main objective is to ensure that the youth voices of this region are heard on local, regional and state levels, where decisions make a direct impact on our rural communities.

SB 1288 is crucial as it aims to enhance AI integration in education, particularly in rural areas where access to advanced educational technology is limited. By addressing this educational gap, the bill ensures equitable preparation for all students to navigate our tech-driven world, regardless of location.

By emphasizing strategies for integrating this technology into classrooms, we can equip both rural and urban schools with the necessary knowledge to leverage this rapidly evolving technology and assist teachers in its effective classroom implementation. Additionally, the creation of a working group will allow for educators to share their perspectives which will lead to recommendations benefiting youth across diverse educational settings.

For these reasons, the Northern California Youth Policy Coalition urges your support for SB 1288. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chair,
Northern California Youth Policy Coalition (NCYPC)

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