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June 19, 2018

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services  
1020 N Street, Room 521  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 2830 (Reyes) County agencies: interns and student assistants: hiring preference**  
**AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Chair Wiener,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, strongly supports proposed legislation AB 2830 (Reyes) to require counties to develop a program giving preference to qualified applicants who are members of disadvantaged groups such as homeless youth or formerly incarcerated youth or youths in foster care when hiring for internships and student positions.

Youth in foster care, homeless youths, and youths who have been incarcerated face enormous challenges as they mature including lack of family support, educational deficiencies, employment and income problems and inadequate or inappropriate living arrangements making it hard to develop some of these skills on their own. Finding employment as a member of one of these disadvantaged groups can also be extremely difficult.

AB 2830 (Reyes) seeks to provide employment support for young people to find the kinds of jobs that would provide them with skills and networking opportunities to help them find employment and success on a permanent and long-term basis by developing programs giving preference to them when hiring for internships and student positions.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly support proposed legislation AB 2830 (Reyes) and urge you to vote AYE. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris E. Calvin".

Kris Calvin  
Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

Honorable Eloise Gomez Reyes, Author  
AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/130/6/1170>