



The Student Home Coalition is a student-led collective of higher education advocacy organizations and youth activists fighting for affordable, accessible, and abundant student housing.

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SIX STUDENT HOUSING BILLS PASS OUT OF THEIR HOUSE OF ORIGIN

SACRAMENTO, CA - As of yesterday, all six of the [Student Homes Coalition's](https://studenthomescoalition.org) sponsored bills have moved onto their second house. The four supply-side bills – AB 1732, AB 2118, AB 2480, and SB 916 – will all jumpstart development across California's campuses. AB 2766 and SB 685 will provide much needed relief to students at risk of homelessness.

"This package of bills will transform California's approach to student and workforce housing issues" said **Kate Rodgers, the Chair and Policy Director for the Student Homes Coalition**. "The Student Homes Coalition is incredibly grateful to all of our authors and partners who are working with us to build campus communities for the future while helping students in need today. We look forward to seeing these bills land on the Governor's desk."

[AB 1732 \(Alvarez and Wicks\)](#), which will **exempt UC, CSU, and CCC housing projects from CEQA**, passed the Assembly with overwhelming support in a 78-0 vote. "Students are sleeping in their cars, couch-surfing, or dropping out because they can't find an affordable place to live near campus," said **Assemblymember Alvarez**. "AB 1732 cuts through the red tape that delays the housing our universities need to build. I am proud to partner with the students who are leading this effort, and to be a part of this fight for future generations!" This bill has eight coauthors and enjoys support from groups across the housing and education spaces, with **the UC Student Association (co-sponsor), the University of California, the California Faculty Association, the California School Employee's Association, California YIMBY, and Abundant Housing Los Angeles on board** along with many more.

[AB 2480 \(Ávila-Farías\)](#) also passed out of the Assembly with bipartisan support. This bill will **facilitate the state's first ever private deed-restricted affordable units for students**, allowing developers to use the super density bonus for student housing. "Our state is facing an extreme housing crisis, and students have not remained immune. Rising housing costs and limited affordable units near college campuses



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represent significant barriers for student's higher education," **said Assemblymember Anamarie Ávila Farías**. "AB 2480 will provide student housing developers new tools to build more units that serve both low and moderate-income students. Thank you, Student Homes Coalition, for your dedicated sponsorship of AB 2480 and I look forward to continuing the work with you to make sure our students have a place to call home."

[AB 2766 \(Ahrens\)](#), a bill to **expand priority access to campus housing for homeless and former foster youth students**, passed out of the Assembly on consent. **Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens (D-Cupertino)**, author of AB 2766 shared, "I am proud AB 2766 passed out of the Assembly with broad bipartisan support, and I look forward to earning the support of my Senate colleagues to help prevent student homelessness. I am thankful for the coalition of advocates, students and foster youth who have worked with me to develop these common-sense fixes and get us to this point to help our most vulnerable young people. As someone who faced homelessness while attending De Anza College, I want to ensure no California student sleeps without a roof over their head."

The Student Homes Coalition is also proud to sponsor **[AB 2118 \(Hoover\)](#)** and **[SB 916 \(Ashby\)](#)**. AB 2118 will strengthen AB 2011 (Wicks) by closing loopholes that local governments have used to block ministerial review for 100% affordable and mixed-income housing projects. SB 916 applies affordable housing litigation protections to student housing to prevent bad-faith lawsuits that create frivolous delays for these projects. **[SB 685 \(Cortese\)](#)**, a two-year bill, remains in the Assembly awaiting further action.

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About the Student Homes Coalition: The Student Homes Coalition is a student-led collective of higher education advocacy organizations fighting for accessible, affordable, and abundant student housing. We seek to end student homelessness through organizing young people across California for pro-housing action at the campus, local, and state levels.