

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KINDERGARTEN-  
UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2004  
(#14-02/03-EX)

- WHEREAS, The Kindergarten-University Public Facilities Bond Act of 2004 (2004 Statewide School Bond) provides \$12.3 billion in bonds to relieve overcrowding, reduce class size and repair and upgrade California's elementary, middle and high schools, community colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS, The 2004 Statewide School Bond measure is the second half of a two-part statewide education bond package to repair, upgrade and build new school facilities, and the first half of the package (Proposition 47) was approved by California's voters in 2002, and passage of the second half of the package is equally important to continue the work that has been started; and
- WHEREAS, Within 6 weeks of voter approval of Proposition 47, more than 300 school districts had their school construction and repair projects funded, and the remainder of the 2002 bond funds will be exhausted soon as new classrooms are built and old schools are repaired; and
- WHEREAS, California has the second most overcrowded classrooms in the country: 22 percent of all K-12 public school students are on year-round class schedules because there isn't enough space in overcrowded school districts, and one-third of all K-12 classrooms in the state are portable trailers; and
- WHEREAS, The 2004 Statewide School Bond provides matching funds to school districts that have passed local school construction bond measures or will pass such measures soon; and
- WHEREAS, More than 710,000 new students are expected to seek enrollment at a California college or university by 2010; and
- WHEREAS, The 2004 Statewide School Bond provides a much needed boost to our state's economy and putting Californians back to work building a better learning environment for all children is a wise investment in these difficult economic times; and
- WHEREAS, The 2004 Statewide School Bond funds must be spent on school construction, not on overhead, and projects must comply with strict accountability requirements, including mandatory audits, to safeguard against waste and mismanagement; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University supports the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004.