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Internal motion

Resolution

Amendment

Title_ESU encourages Alþingi to focus on Icelandic students' grants__

Point of the agenda__ 7b_____

Proposed by: SHI_____

Seconded by: DSF_____

Text:

1 The European Student's Union (ESU) encourages the newly elected
2 Icelandic Parliament, Alþingi, to confirm the government bill making
3 changes to the Icelandic loan system for students.

4 The government bill states that students would be offered up to 25
5 per cent transformation of their student loans into grants if the legal
6 proposal would be approved. The student should graduate within an
7 appropriate time limit to be acceptable as candidates to apply for the
8 grant. This is a matter of crucial interest to all students in Iceland,
9 where many rely on student loans to cover their study expenses.

10 A draft bill was first presented in 2011 but although it has virtually
11 been ready to be adopted since the spring of 2012 it did not appear
12 before the parliament until March 2013. At that point there were only
13 a few days left of the parliament session that ended on March 28
14 2012. Although the bill was well received by most members of the
15 parliament, Alþingi, was not able to confirm it.

16 The Icelandic society should not need to wait any longer for this
17 important measure to improve student life. The grant system would
18 bring more than just a better life for students as this change would
19 have a good influence on students finishing their studies within the
20 preferred time limit.

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- 21 ESU strongly encourages the newly elected Alþingi to put this matter
22 at the front on the very busy schedule ahead.
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Passed: **YES** **NO**