An act relating to public postsecondary education.

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AB 2388, as introduced, Berman. Public postsecondary education: basic needs of students.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes them to provide instruction to students at community college campuses.

Existing law requests campuses of the California Community Colleges to give priority for certain student housing to current and former homeless youth, as specified, and requests those campuses to develop a plan to ensure that current and former homeless youth can access housing resources during and between academic terms, including during academic and campus breaks. Existing law defines homeless youth for these purposes.

This bill would make legislative finding, about student housing insecurity and student food insecurity, and would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to address the basic needs of community college students.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of
the following:

(1) California students are struggling to meet their basic needs
and are facing housing insecurity, including homelessness, and
food insecurity at alarming rates.

(2) A report released in March 2019 by the Office of the
Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Hope
Center for College, Community, and Justice found that 19 percent
of the survey’s respondents experienced homelessness in the
previous year, 60 percent of respondents were housing insecure
in the previous year, and 50 percent of respondents were food
insecure in the prior 30 days.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to
address the basic needs of community college students.