



COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA



MAY
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE



Today's Webinar

- Budget Timeline & Update
- Legislative Timeline & Update
- Taking Positions on Bills
- Federal Update





Budget Update





The Budget Timeline

- January 10: Governor released budget proposal
 - March – Early May: Legislature holds budget committee hearings. (Bond hearing tomorrow)
 - May 15: May Revision released
 - May 22: Board Budget Advocacy Day
 - June 15: Statutory deadline to pass budget
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Our Key Message This Year: Invest In Our Future Now!



- **Should Invest in Higher Community College Per-Student Funding.**
- **Colleges cannot maintain their quality and grow innovation without a base augmentation!**





Per-Student Funding

Also known as Base or
General Operating Funds

\$23.6 Mil.

- Quality academic programs and services require a base augmentation.
- General operating funds directly impacts the services we provide to help students persist and complete.



Honor The Voters Will

Fund Capital Outlay Projects

- California voters approved a facilities bond providing a \$2 billion infrastructure investment in California's community colleges.
- The proposed budget only funds five of 29 ready-to-go capital projects. The current systemwide need is \$29.2 billion facility needs.
- May Revise will include more projects. We are still asking to fund ALL.



Guided Pathways

Redesigning the Student Experience

- Guided Pathways is an evidence-based and necessary catalyst for a systemic and integrated redesign of the student experience at California's community colleges.
- Guided Pathways resources will enhance and deepen the impact of SSSP and Equity programs and services.



Budget Proposals

Assembly:

Degrees Not Debt

Proposal for UC/CSU Students:

- \$1.5 billion to fund debt free college education.
- Does not redirect UC/CSU funds to pay for financial aid.

Proposal for Community College Students:

- \$50 million in Prop 98 funds to pay for free tuition proposal for first-time full-time students.
- \$48 million in Prop 98 funds for the 2% of students receiving Cal Grant B.
- Access costs for 98% of all enrolled community college students are not covered.

Senate:

Student Achievement Program

Proposal for Community College Students:

- \$150 million in Prop 98 funds to implement Guided Pathways
 - Outlines and defines the Guided Pathways Framework
- \$48 million to established a financial aid incentive program for student taking 15 units+ and complete an education plan.
 - Only for students receiving a Cal Grant B.
- Utilizes Proposition 98 to fund both components of the program.



Leading to May Revise

- “Thank you for your focus on affordability!” Let’s work together on a concept that improves non-tuition affordability challenges
 - Improve student outcomes by investing in operating funds that make the college experience better, not just cheaper
 - Agree to giving one-time funds to the colleges that applied for the promise grants but didn't get them.
 - Growth funds will likely be lower at May Revise to recognize growth patterns across the state.
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Legislative Update





Legislative Timeline

- **May 26** Appropriations deadline
- **June 2** Bills must be passed from the house of origin
- **July 14** Last day for bills to pass policy committees in second house
- **Sept. 1** Appropriations deadline in second house
- **Sept. 15** Last day for any bill to pass
- **Oct. 15** Last day for Governor to sign or veto



Bills of Interest

- AB 17 (Holden): Transit Passes
 - AB 19 (Santiago): Fee Waiver
 - AB 21 (Kalra): Access to Higher Education for Every Student
 - AB 52 (Cooper): Orientation: exclusive representatives
 - AB 204 (Medina): Waiver of Enrollment Fees
 - AB 387 (Thurmond): Unpaid Internships
 - AB 705 (Irwin): Assessments
 - AB 1037 (Limon) Service Incentive
 - AB 1364 (McCarty): Funding Formula
 - AB 1435 (Gonzalez Fletcher): Athlete Protection Act
 - AB 1563 (Medina) Cal Grant C
 - AB 1651 (Reyes): Paid Administrative Leave
 - SB 54 (de Leon): Law Enforcement: Sharing Data
 - SB 478 (Portantino): Transfer to UC and CSU
 - SB 539 (de Leon): Community College Student Achievement Program
 - SB 573 (Lara) Service Learning
 - SB 769 (Hill): Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program
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Financial Aid and Fees

AB 17 (Holden)

Free or Reduced-fare Transit Passes

Summary: This bill would create a student transit pass program to provide free or subsidized transit passes to middle school and high school students who are eligible for Title I funding and college students who are Cal/Pell Grant recipients at the University of California, California State University or attend one of California's community colleges.

League Position: **Support**

Position Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Assembly Appropriations



Financial Aid and Fees

AB 19 (Santiago)

Board of Governor Fee Waiver

Summary: Would waive tuition for full time students in their first academic year.

Since the funding source for this proposal is Proposition 98, this bill will force significant tradeoffs regarding the quality of instruction for our students. The estimated cost of the bills is \$33 million in ongoing.

League Position: **Concern**

Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Assembly Appropriations. Similar legislation, AB 1118 (Gibson) is also in Appropriations.



Immigration

AB 21 (Kalra) Access to Higher Education for Every Student

Prohibits colleges to the furthest extent legally possible not cooperate with immigration enforcement agencies or officials. Specifically it requires colleges to:

- 1) Refrain from releasing the immigration status of a college's students or staff to the extent allowed by federal law.
- 2) Require each faculty and staff member to notify college president if he or she suspects or becomes aware of federal immigration presence on campus.
- 3) Immediately notify all students if immigration officials are suspected of or planning to enter campus.
- 4) Assign a staff person who will be point of contact for those who are vulnerable to deportation.
- 5) Solicit and maintain a list of pro bono immigration legal services providers.

League Position: **Support if Amended**

Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Assembly Appropriations



Human Resources

AB 52 (Cooper) Orientation: Exclusive Representatives

Summary: Would mandate that all public agencies, including community colleges, provide a mandatory orientation session between new employees and their collective bargaining representative.

Recommended League Position: **Oppose**

Status: AB 52 (Cooper) was pulled from being considered by the Assembly Labor Committee, effectively killing it this year. However, League staff expects elements of the bill to appear either in budget trailer language (in May) or at the end of legislative session (in August).





Student Success

AB 204 (Medina) Community Colleges: Waiver of Enrollment of Fees

Summary: Would require the Board of Governors to review district appeals process for those who lose their Board of Governor's Fee Waiver due to lack of satisfactory academic progress. Additionally it would require colleges to incorporate into Student Equity Plans an approach to support populations that are disproportionately losing their fee waivers. Finally it would allow students to appeal the loss of their fee waiver due to lack of proximity to a neighboring district.

Recommended League Position: Support if Amended (CCCCO has requested amendments addressing the implementation cost of the bills.)

Status: Assembly Appropriations



Workforce

AB 387 (Thurmond) Unpaid Internships

Summary: This bill would provide that anyone in a work experience program to satisfy requirements for licensure, registration, or certification as an Allied Health Professional be subject to the minimum wage law.

Recommended League Position: **Oppose**

Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Assembly Appropriations

Currently 95 organizations opposing the measure.





Academic Affairs

AB 705 (Irwin) Matriculation and Assessment

Summary: Would require a community college district to use high school transcript data in the assessment and placement process. The bill would prohibit a community college district or college from requiring students to enroll in remedial coursework that lengthens their time to complete a degree unless research shows that those students are highly unlikely to succeed in college-level coursework.

Recommended League Position: **Seeking Clarifying Amendments**

The League is seeking amendments. Goal is to move to a support soon.



Financial Aid and Fees

AB 1037 (Limon)

Cal Grant B Service Grants

Summary: Targeted towards California DREAM Act students who are not eligible to participate in federal work study programs, this bill would make students eligible for grant awards up to \$750 in exchange for working a minimum of 100 hours of community service or volunteering per semester. The final award amount would depend on the student's financial need and the amount of units they are taking.

League Position: **Support**

Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Assembly Appropriations



Budget

AB 1364 (McCarty) Higher Education Funding Formula

Summary: Would establish a higher education funding formula that would provide more per pupil funding to a higher education campus for each student who was eligible for free or reduced price lunches in K-12 or was a foster youth.

The supplemental funding for these students would be required to go towards: counseling services, mandatory orientation activities, tutors and peer mentoring.

Recommended League Position: Watch

Status: Two-Year Bill



Governance

AB 1435 (Gonzalez Fletcher) The Athlete Protection Act

Summary: Would establish the Athlete Protection Commission would have the authority to regulate all collegiate athletic programs in the state. Funded by all colleges with an athletic program, it would be empowered to:

- 1) Set safety standards for student athlete injuries.
- 2) Require every college to set aside a specified amount of time for a student to study.
- 3) Intestate practices of athletic programs with poor graduation rates.

League Position: **Oppose**

Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Assembly Appropriations



Financial Aid and Fees

AB 1563 (Medina) Cal Grant C Awards

Summary: This bill would:

- 1) Create a Cal Grant C supplemental award of \$2,462 for community college students.
- 2) Establish a Cal Grant C entitlement award for access costs for community college students enrollment in a certificate or credential instructional program that is less than one year in length, modeled after the Cal Grant B entitlement program.

League Position: **Support**

Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Assembly Appropriations.



Human Resources

AB 1651 (Reyes)

Paid Administrative Leave

Summary: Would require a college to provide a written copy of a complaint leading to an employee being placed on administrative leave to that employee within five business days. Would permit colleges to redact the alleged victim's name if it were to violate FERPA.

Recommended League Position: **Oppose Unless Amended**

Status: Assembly Floor



Immigration

SB 54 (de Leon)

Law Enforcement: Sharing of Data

Summary: Would prohibit all police agencies in the state of California, including ones employed by community colleges, from sharing information with immigration enforcement officials.

Recommended League Position: **Watch**

Status: Senate Floor



Transfer

SB 478 (Portantino) Transfer of Community College Students

Summary: Would require community colleges to electronically identify students who have completed an associate degree for transfer and add them to a database that can be accessed by the California State University and University of California.

Recommended League Position: **Watch**

Letter Due: Friday, May 5th

Status: Senate Appropriations





Student Success

SB 539 (de León) Community Colleges Student Achievement Program

Summary: This bill would create the Community College Student Achievement Program which has two key components: one focused on establishing the guided pathways framework and grant program and the other focused on establishing a student financial aid incentive grant program. Specifically, the bill:

- Outlines and defines the Guided Pathways Framework
- Establish a financial aid incentive program for student who take 15 units or more and have completes an education plan.

Recommended League Position: Support if Amended

Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Senate Appropriations



Financial Aid and Fees

SB 573 (Lara) Board of Governor Fee Waiver

Summary: Targeted towards California DREAM Act students who are not eligible for federal financial aid including work study programs, this bill would require public universities and colleges to create service learning programs on each campus. These programs would be part of a college's financial aid office and would be required to identify volunteer opportunities and make them eligible for existing state work study program funds.

League Position: **Watch**

Status: Senate Appropriations





Academic Affairs

SB 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

Summary: This bill focuses on expanding access to baccalaureate degrees for students at community colleges. Specifically it:

- 1) Extends the current sunset of the current pilot program to 2029.
- 2) Adds an additional 10 community college districts who are able to participate in the program.

Recommended League Position: **Support**

Letter Due: Friday, May 12th

Status: Senate Appropriations



Sending Position Letters Assembly

Date #, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB ## (Author) Bill Title
Position:

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of _____

_____ is very grateful for your time. Thank you for considering our position on AB ____, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. I can be reached at _____.

Sincerely,

Name

cc: Members, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
Assemblymember (Bill Author)



Sending Position Letters Senate

Date #, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB ## (Author): Bill name.
Position:

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of_____.

_____ appreciates your thoughtful consideration of our position. If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please contact me at_____.

Sincerely,

Name

cc: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
Senator (Author Name)



Federal Update





Bipartisan Federal Budget Deal – Good News

On Sunday, April 30th the House and the Senate reached a bipartisan deal to fund the federal government. If signed by President Trump it would:

- Institute year round Pell Grants.
 - Increase overall level of Pell Grants by \$105, bringing maximum award to \$5,920.
 - Increase funding for TRIO (\$50 Million) and GEAR Up (\$17 Million)
 - Keep most other programs at their FY 2016 levels.
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Bill Tracking

The League monitors all legislation introduced at the State Capitol that could impact California community colleges. You can view the bills the League is following with the bill tracking system below. This system makes it easy for community college advocates to track the League's position on bills, view letters that the League has sent to legislators, or contact the staff member working on a bill. If you have any questions contact Government Relations staff at (916) 444-8641.

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