



Government Relations Update

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Federal Affairs Update

Coronavirus Response Funding

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Coronavirus Response Funding

Biden's \$1.9 trillion *American Rescue Plan* is Moving Forward

- Congress is developing a broad COVID-19 response package based on President Joe Biden's *American Rescue Plan*, using a fast-track process
- The package proposes nearly \$40 billion for higher ed institutions (IHEs), a much higher funding level than past relief legislation. By comparison—
 - ❖ The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) of March 27, 2020, included \$14 billion for IHEs
 - ❖ The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of December 27, 2020, included \$21.2 billion for IHEs

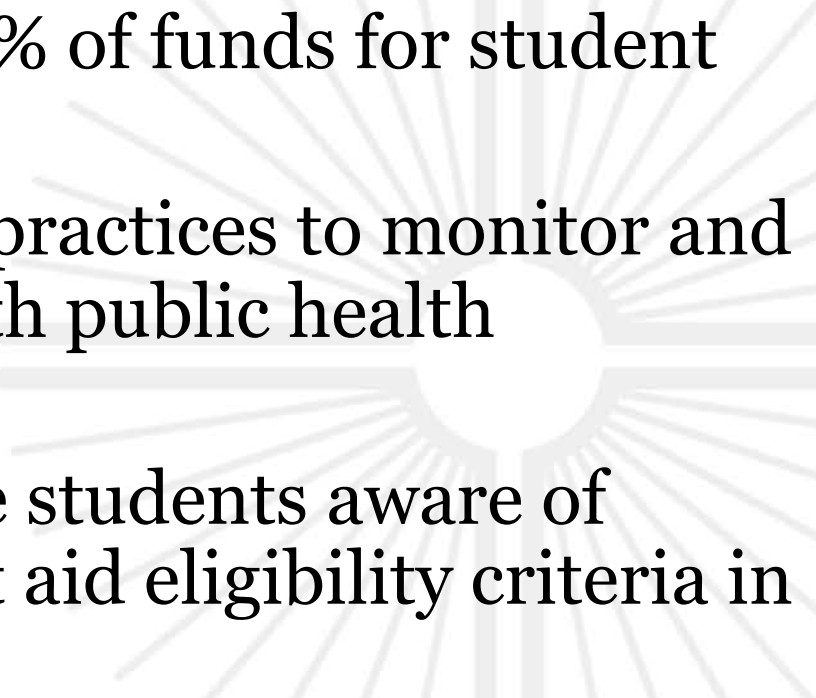
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What's included in the latest COVID-19 response legislative package that benefits IHEs?

- The package includes \$39,584,570,000 in additional funds for IHEs to respond to the coronavirus pandemic's impact
- These funds are to be apportioned under the formula established by the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
- The funds will remain available for obligation by IHEs through September 30, 2023


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What's in the COVID-19 legislation for IHEs? (continued)

- The legislation requires IHEs to use 50% of funds for student aid emergency grants
 - IHEs must implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines
 - IHEs must undertake outreach to make students aware of options for receiving waivers of student aid eligibility criteria in certain cases of unemployment
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Other Key Funding Provisions – Healthcare Response

- \$46 billion for testing, contact tracing, and mitigation
 - \$25 billion to address health disparities and protect vulnerable populations
 - \$14 billion for vaccines
 - \$7.6 billion to hire 100,000 full-time public health workers
 - \$4 billion for behavioral and mental health services
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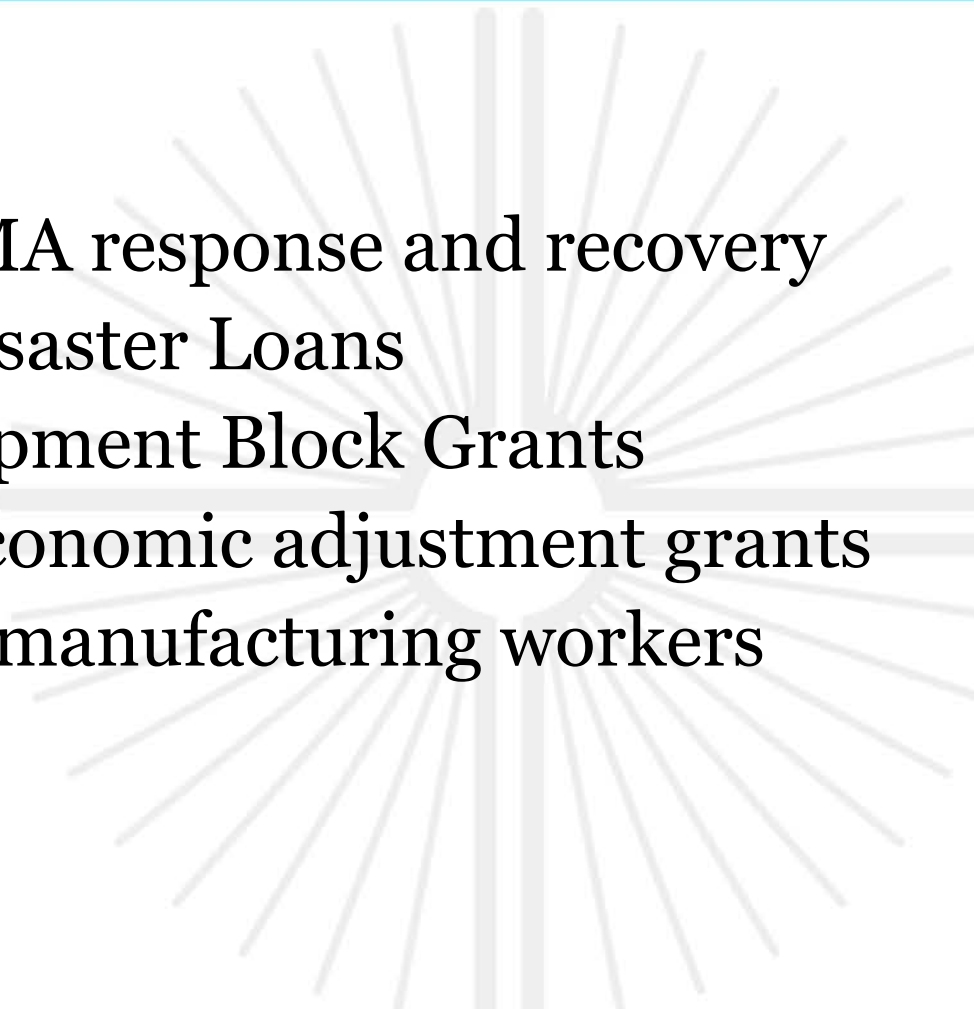
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Other Key Funding Provisions – State & Local Funding

- \$195 billion is set aside for state governments
 - ❖ California will have the opportunity to allocate funds to K-12 schools and community colleges to defray costs related to COVID-19
- \$130 billion is set aside for local governments, to be equally divided between municipalities and counties
 - ❖ Community colleges can work with cities and counties to target federal response funds toward areas of greatest need

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Miscellaneous Funding Provisions

- \$50 billion for coronavirus related FEMA response and recovery
 - \$15 billion for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans
 - \$14.9 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants
 - \$3 billion for COVID-19 related EDA economic adjustment grants
 - \$3 billion to retain or rehire aerospace manufacturing workers
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“Reconciliation” – an expedited process for consideration

Congress is using budget reconciliation authority for the *American Rescue Plan* – a departure from prior COVID-19 responses

- Reconciliation was created under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
- Congress has used reconciliation sparingly, usually in the tax arena
 - ❖ For example, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 was passed using budget reconciliation authority
- Budget reconciliation allows for expedited legislative consideration – most importantly, requiring only a simple majority vote in the Senate
- Vice President Kamala Harris may break a tie vote in the 50-50 Senate

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Next steps with budget reconciliation legislation

- The House Budget Committee will combine reconciliation bills reported by House committees into a single package
- Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) will bring the consolidated reconciliation package to the House floor for consideration
- Following House action, the Senate is expected to give the reconciliation package priority consideration
- Extended unemployment benefits expire on March 14, 2021, providing a possible target date for final action on reconciliation

Questions?

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA



Bill Introduction Deadline: February 19th

- Legislators have until this Friday to introduce legislation.
- Similar to students, legislators tend to turn in their work at the last minute.
- A significant amount of legislation is expected to be introduced in the next few days.



Bills for Discussion

Collective Bargaining:

AB 275 (Medina) Classified Employees

AB 375 (Medina) Part-Time Faculty Load

AB 438 (Reyes) Classified Employees: Layoff Notice and Hearing

SB 205 (Leyva) Employee Sick Leave

SB 270 (Durazo) Employee Information

Career Technical Education:

AB 299 (Villapudua) Career Technical Education: Apprenticeship Grant Program

Transfer:

AB 595 (Medina) Student Eligibility Policy

Dual Enrollment:

AB 102 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways: Sunset Date

AB 103 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways: County Offices of Education

Facility Construction and Modernization:

AB 75 (O'Donnell) Statewide K-14 Facilities Bond

SB 22 (Glazer) Statewide K-12, Community Colleges, CSU and UC Facilities Bond.

Bills for Discussion: Collective Bargaining

AB 275 (Medina) Classified Employees

Currently, colleges and collective bargaining units are permitted to negotiate the length of a probationary period for a newly hired employee for up to one year. This bill would reduce the maximum length of time from one year to six months.

AB 375 (Medina) Part-Time Faculty Load

Would require that negotiation on reemployment preference for part-time, temporary faculty assignments be based on the minimum standards not exceeding 80% to 85% of a full-time equivalent load and would prohibit the community college district from restricting the terms of the negotiated agreement to less than that range, unless explicitly agreed upon by an individual part-time, temporary faculty member and the district.

AB 438 (Reyes) Classified Employees: Layoff Notices and Hearings

Would provide classified school employees with the same rights to a notice and hearing with respect to layoffs as is provided to certificated employees of school districts or academic employees at community colleges.

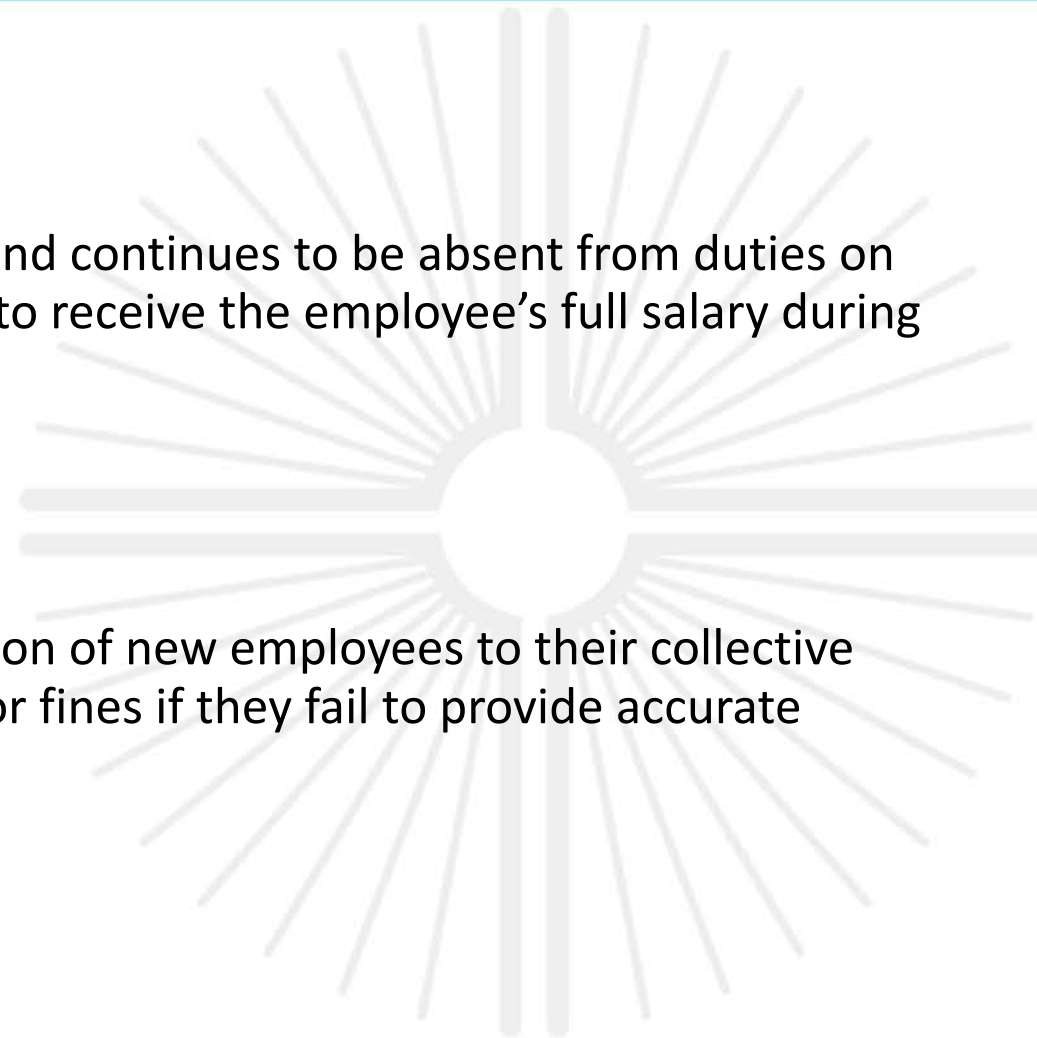
Bills for Discussion: Collective Bargaining

SB 205 (Leyva) Employee Sick Leave

Would require an employee, who exhausts all available sick leave and continues to be absent from duties on account of illness or accident for an additional period of 5 months to receive the employee's full salary during those 5 months.

SB 270 (Durazo) Employee Information

Current law requires public employers to provide contact information of new employees to their collective bargaining agents. This bill would make public employers eligible for fines if they fail to provide accurate information to that agent.



Bills for Discussion: Career Technical Education & Transfer

Career Technical Education:

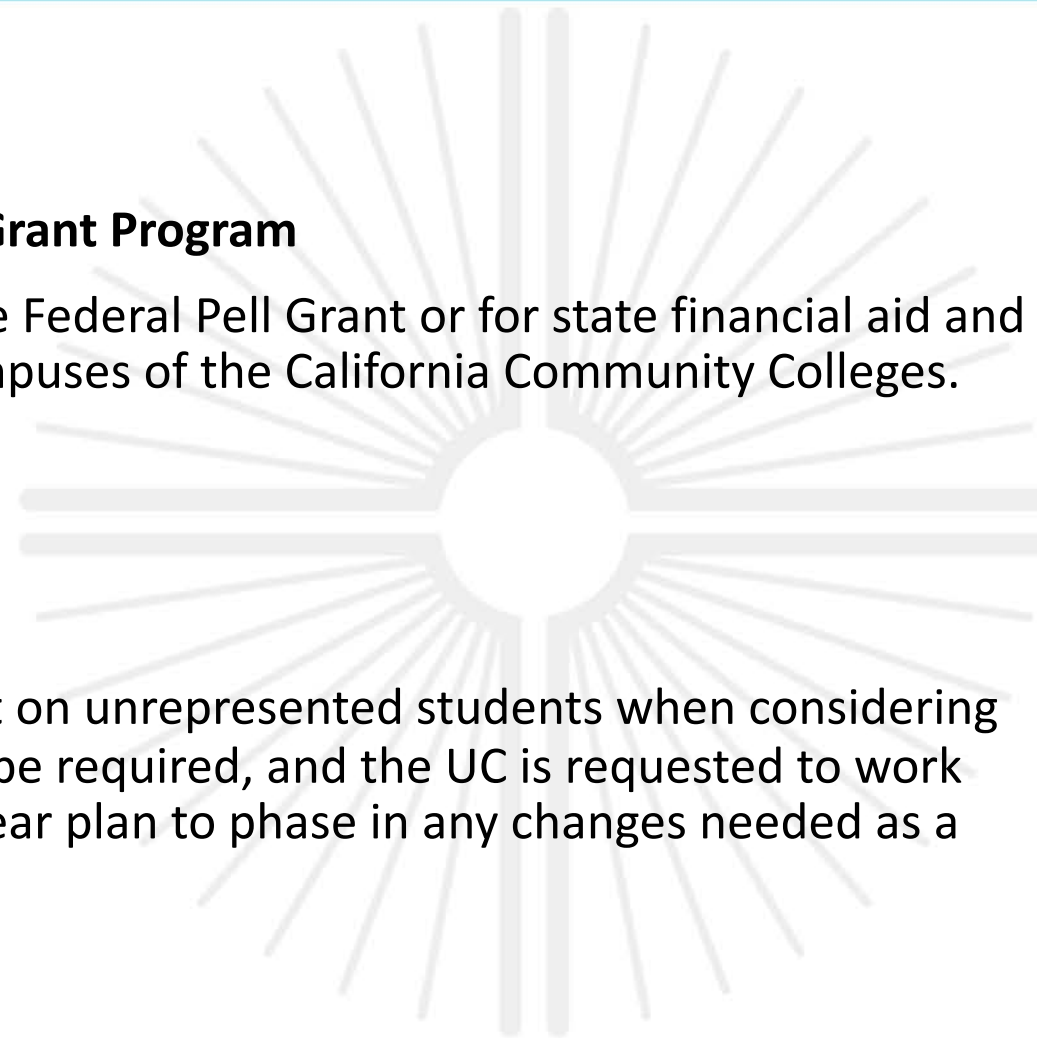
AB 299 (Villapudua) Career Technical Education: Apprenticeship Grant Program

Would provide supplemental grants to students who qualify for the Federal Pell Grant or for state financial aid and who participate in approved apprenticeship programs through campuses of the California Community Colleges.

Transfer:

AB 595 (Medina) Student Eligibility Policy

Would require the CSU and requests the UC to consider the impact on unrepresented students when considering changes to student eligibility policies. Additionally, the CSU would be required, and the UC is requested to work with its K-12 and community college partners to develop a multi-year plan to phase in any changes needed as a result of the student eligibility policy.



Bills for Discussion: Dual Enrollment

AB 102 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways: Sunset Date

Would remove the current sunset date of 2027 of the College and Career Access Pathways program, which greatly expands our college's ability to provide dual enrollment opportunities to high school students.

AB 103 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways: County Offices of Education

Would permit County Offices of Education to enter into College and Career Access Pathways agreements with community colleges.



Bills for Discussion: Facility Construction and Modernization

AB 75 (O'Donnell) Statewide K-14 Facilities Bond

Would authorize a statewide facilities bond to fund construction and modernization of facilities at K-12 and community colleges to go before voters in an election in 2022. It does not specify an amount or how the funds would be allocated amongst systems.

SB 22 (Glazer) Statewide K-12, Community Colleges, CSU, and UC Facilities Bond

Would authorize a statewide facilities bond to fund construction and modernization of facilities at K-12 community colleges, the CSU and the UC to go before voters in an election in 2022. If passed, it would generate \$15 billion for facilities construction, \$3 billion of which would go to community colleges.



QUESTIONS

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BUDGET UPDATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA



Legislative and Budget Calendar

- January-March Budget Hearings
- April-May Policy Hearings (Legislation)
- May-June May Revise Budget Hearings



Key Budget Hearings

- Feb 17 at 9 am Sen Budget Sub #1

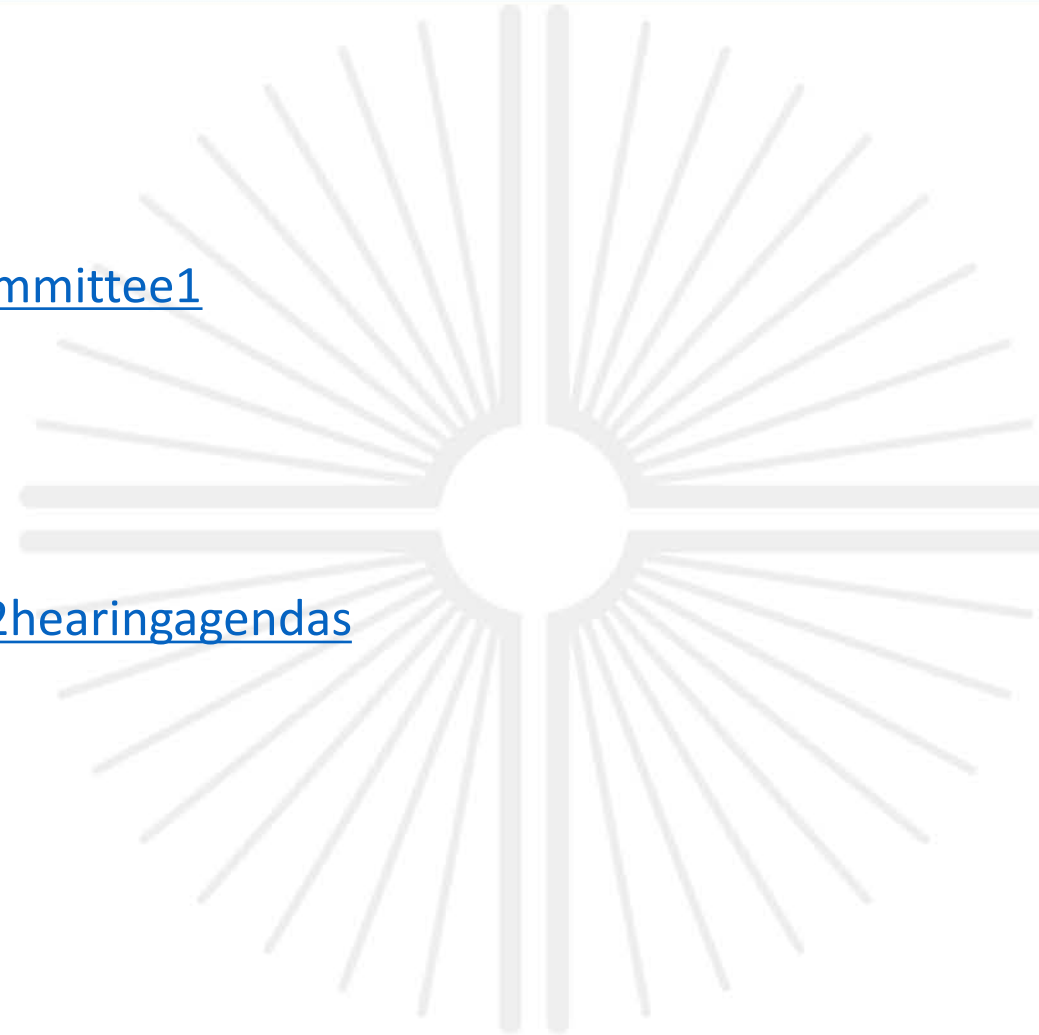
Community Colleges

<https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/subcommittee1>

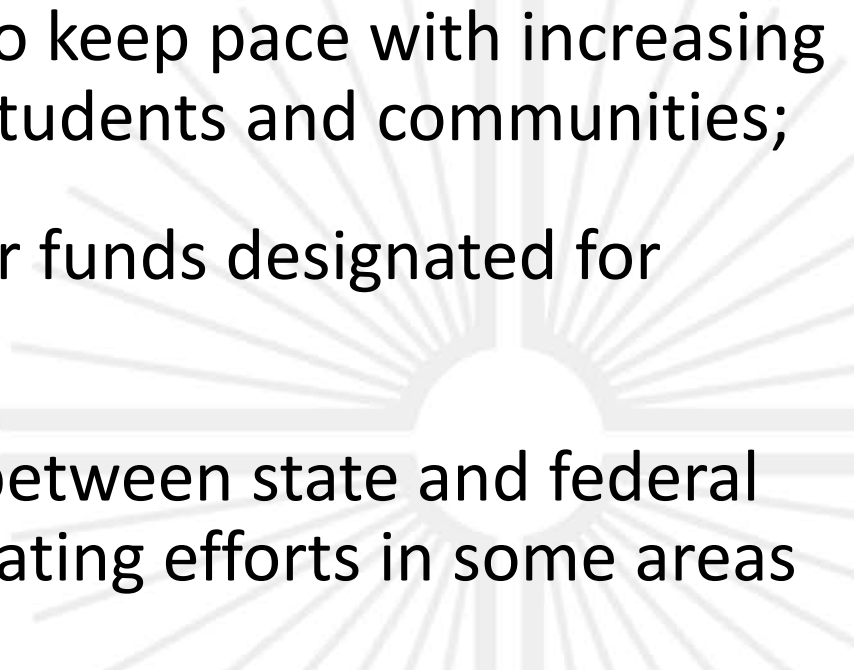
- Feb 23 at 9 am Asm Budget sub #2

Community Colleges

<https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sub2hearingagendas>



League's Advocacy

1. Greater base resources for our districts to keep pace with increasing costs and to maintain capacity for their students and communities;
 2. Maximize flexibility and local control over funds designated for operational needs and student support;
 3. Evaluation and analysis of the interplay between state and federal support to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts in some areas while leaving others behind.
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2021-22 Budget Update

On February 4, 2021,

- Governor Newsom shared an update with the public
- A projection of \$10.3 billion in additional revenues
- No more details as of today

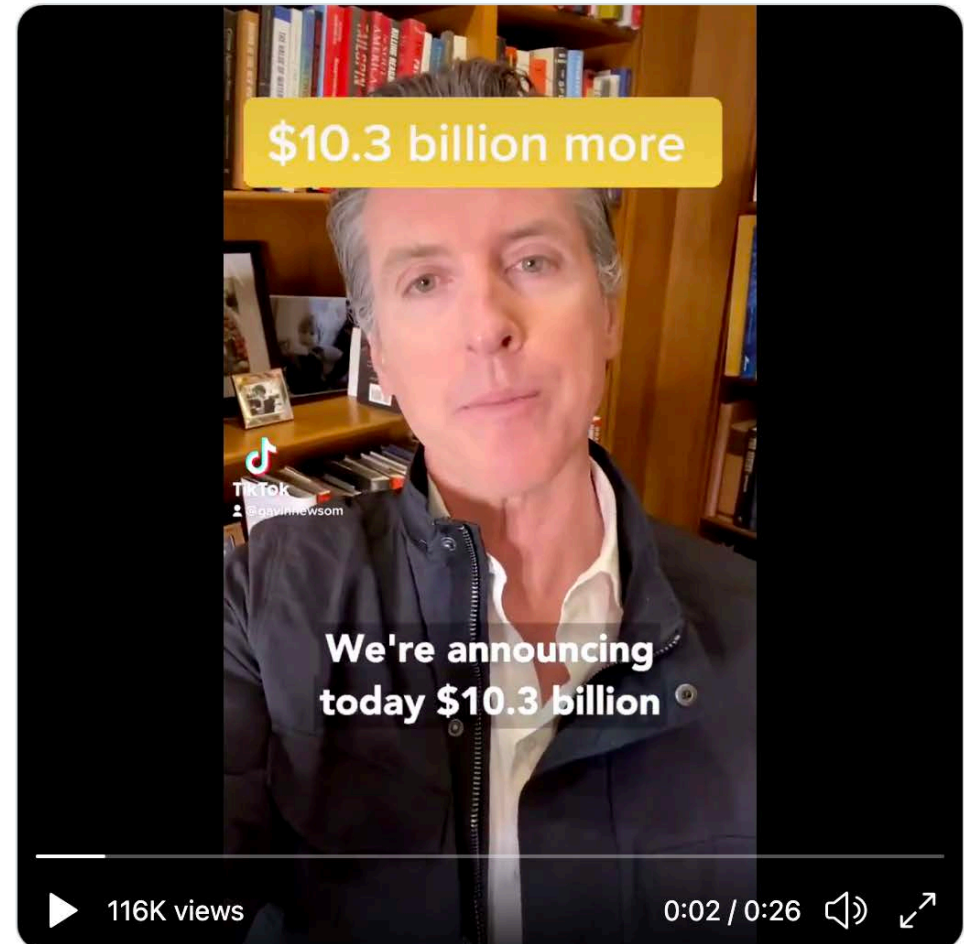


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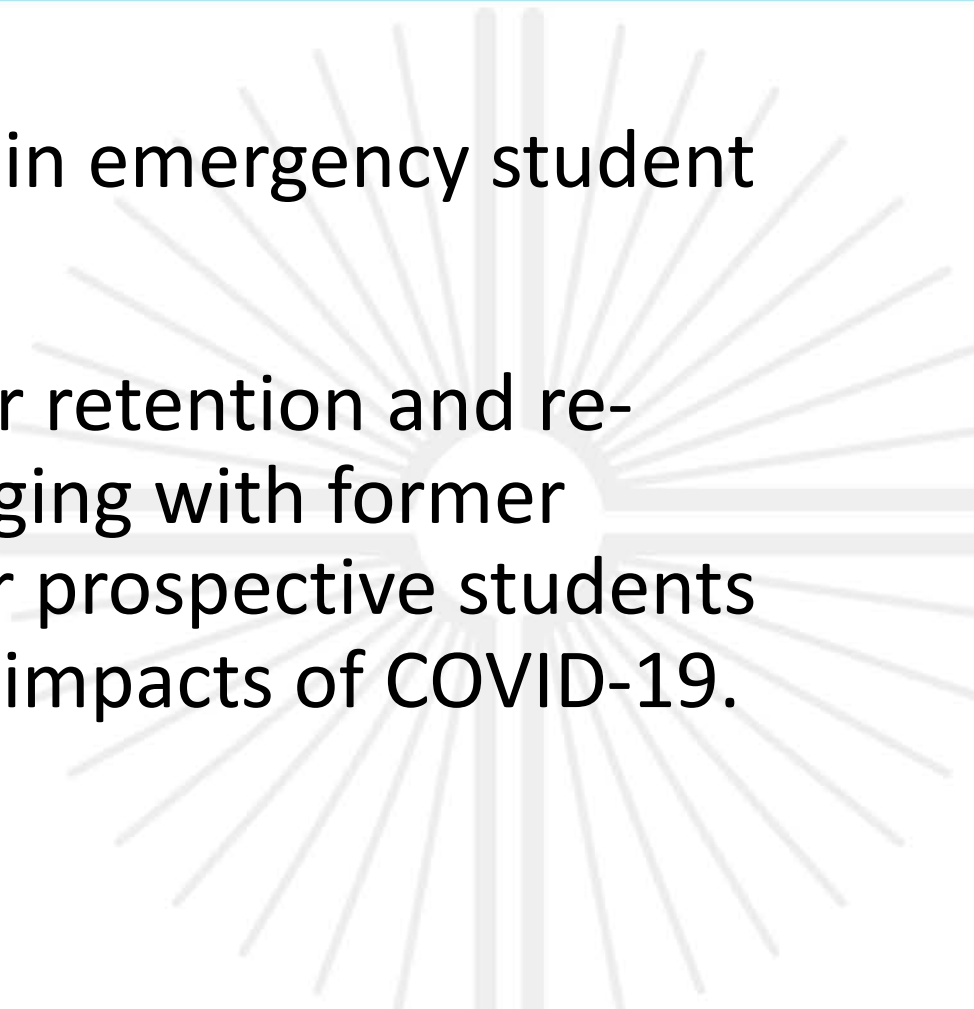


NEW: CA is now projected to have \$10.3 billion more than we projected in our [#CABudget](#).

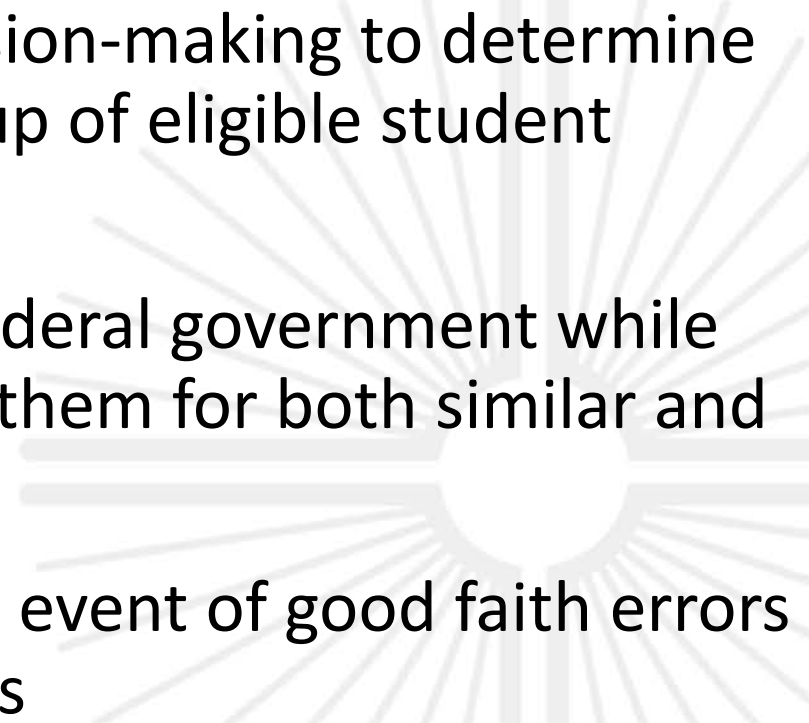
That's more support for our small businesses, vaccine administration, schools, and more.



CCC: Early Actions

- One-time investment of \$100 million in emergency student financial assistance grants,
 - One-time resources of \$20 million for retention and re-enrollment strategies, including engaging with former students who may have withdrawn or prospective students who are hesitant to enroll due to the impacts of COVID-19.
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League's Early Action Advocacy: \$100 Million

- Allow for maximum latitude in local decision-making to determine eligibility, to ensure a more inclusive group of eligible student recipients
 - Align goals for funds with those of the federal government while allowing districts the ability to distribute them for both similar and complementary purposes
 - Compliance process is not punitive in the event of good faith errors as districts urgently distribute these funds
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League's Early Action Advocacy: \$20 Million

- Allow for maximum flexibility at the district level in determining how best to achieve our shared goals.



2021-22 Budget Advocacy:

- When we invest in @CalCommColleges, we all advance. [@LegislatorHandle] increasing base funding strengthens our capacity to serve our students and communities. #CAbudget #EquityinEducation
- We stand with @CAgovernor @GavinNewsom's call for an equity-based recovery. It starts with an investment in @CalCommColleges. #CAbudget #EquityinEducation
- Low-income and students of color have been hit hardest by the pandemic and require the largest investment for an equity-based recovery. We urge @NancySkinnerCA and @PhilTing to assure the #CAbudget provides @CalCommColleges w/ the resources to uplift students. #EquityinEducation

Be sure to tag Governor Gavin Newsom ([@CAgovernor](#) [@GavinNewsom](#)), the League ([@ccleague](#)), and your legislator in your tweets.

Advocating for an E-Shaped Recovery



Economic recovery
starts with **Equity**.

And it starts **right now**.

When we invest in **California
Community Colleges**, we all advance.



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#EquityinEducation
#EShapedRecovery

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2021-22 Budget and Related News

Materials from the League

- [League December Letter](#) 📄

Materials from the CCCCCO

- [CCCCO 2021-22 System Budget & Legislative Request](#)
- [2021-22 Joint Analysis of the Governor's Budget Proposal](#) 📄

Materials from the Administration (Governor and DOF)

- [Governor's Budget Summary 2021-22](#) 📄

Materials from the Legislature and Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO)

- [Assembly Budget Committee - Highlights of Governor's Proposed 2021-22 Budget](#) 📄
- [Senate Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review- Summary of Governor's Proposed 2021-22 Budget](#)
- [LAO Overview of Governor's Budget](#) 📄
- [LAO 2021-22 Fiscal Outlook](#) 📄
- [LAO Fiscal Outlook for Schools and Community Colleges](#) 📄

Federal Items

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