



Government Relations Update

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Infrastructure Legislation & Community Project Funding

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INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

U.S. House of Representatives – the “INVEST Act”

- ***Approved on July 2*** – “Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act,” Democrats’ \$547 billion surface transportation infrastructure bill, passed mostly along party lines

U.S. Senate – Success with a Bipartisan Approach

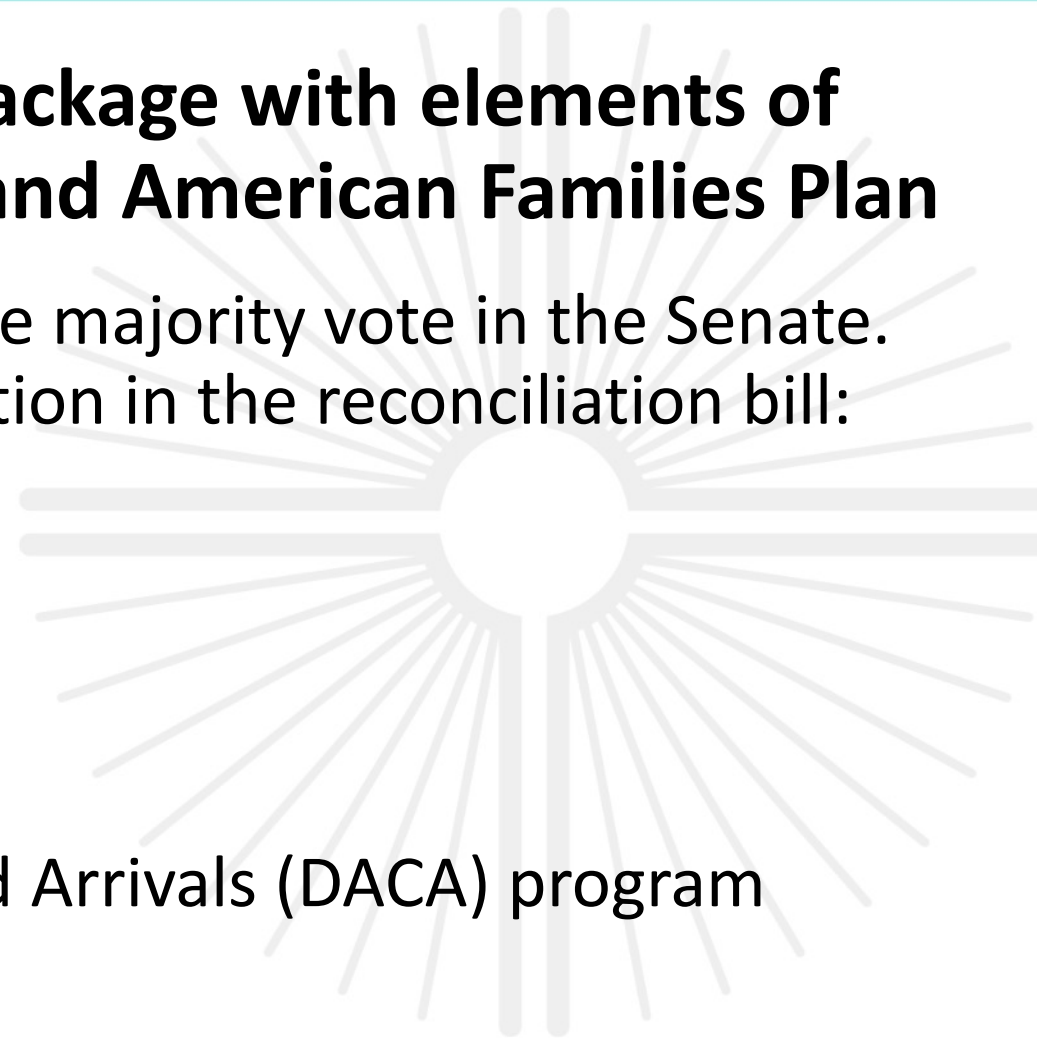
- ***Approved on August 10*** – \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill funding roads, bridges, electric vehicles, broadband, cybersecurity, water infrastructure, and grid resilience, passed 69-30 with the support of 19 Republicans

INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

On deck – \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package with elements of President Biden’s American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan

The “Reconciliation” process requires a simple majority vote in the Senate. Among the many provisions under consideration in the reconciliation bill:

- Tuition-free community college
- Paid family and medical leave
- Child care for working families
- Codifying the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program



COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

Earmarking opportunity for community colleges

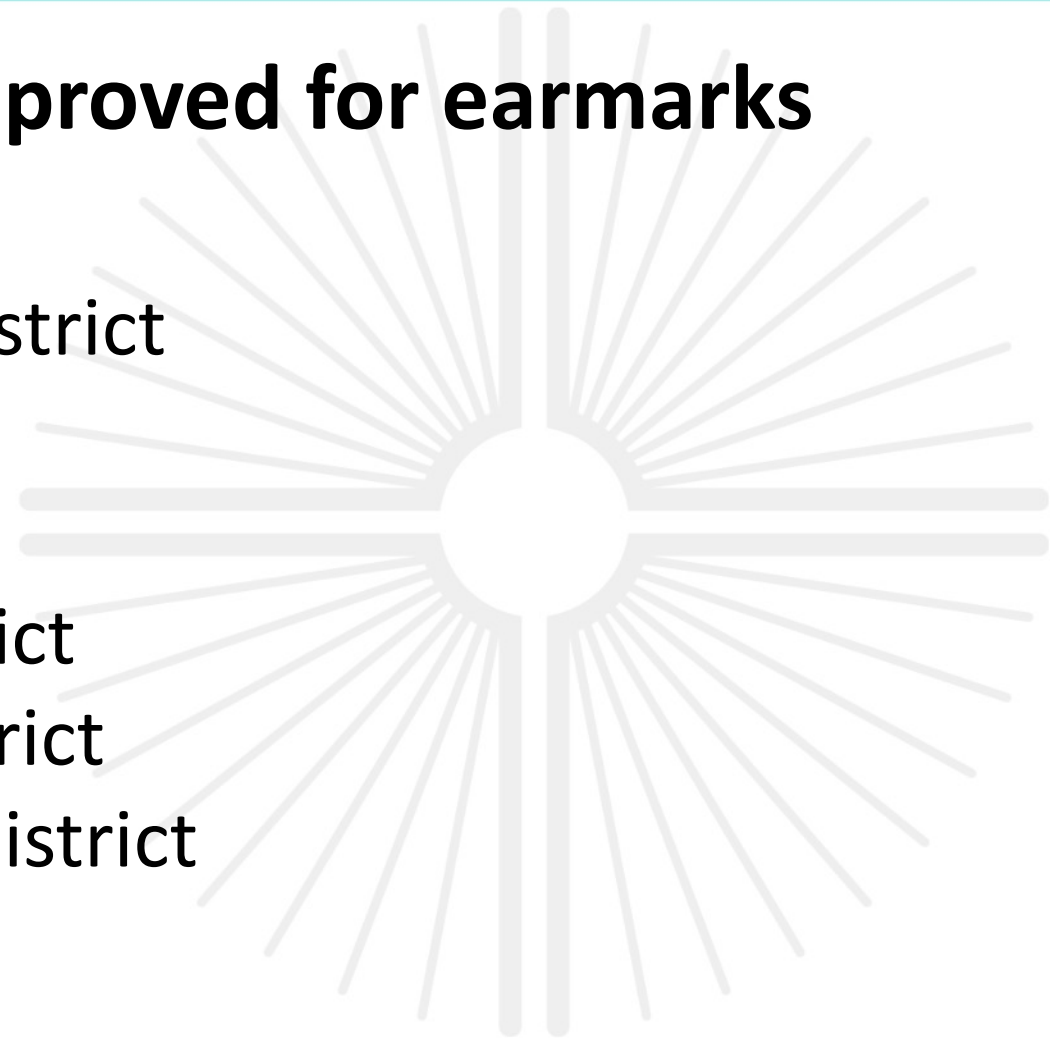
For the first time in a decade, Congress is approving targeted funding through earmarks, known as “Community Project Funding”

- The INVEST in America surface transportation bill includes 1,473 earmarks for transportation infrastructure projects
- House and Senate Appropriations Committees are approving FY 2022 appropriations bills, including earmarks for community college projects

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

California community colleges approved for earmarks

- El Camino College
- Los Angeles Community College District
- Moorpark College
- Mt. San Antonio College
- Riverside Community College District
- San Diego Community College District
- Santa Clarita Community College District



COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

Statewide community college earmarks

- Community College League of California Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Library Resources (Senate request)
- Iowa community colleges' College and Career Transition Counselors (CCTC) program (approved by the House)
- New Mexico community colleges' Enterprise Resources Planning and Student Information System (Senate request)

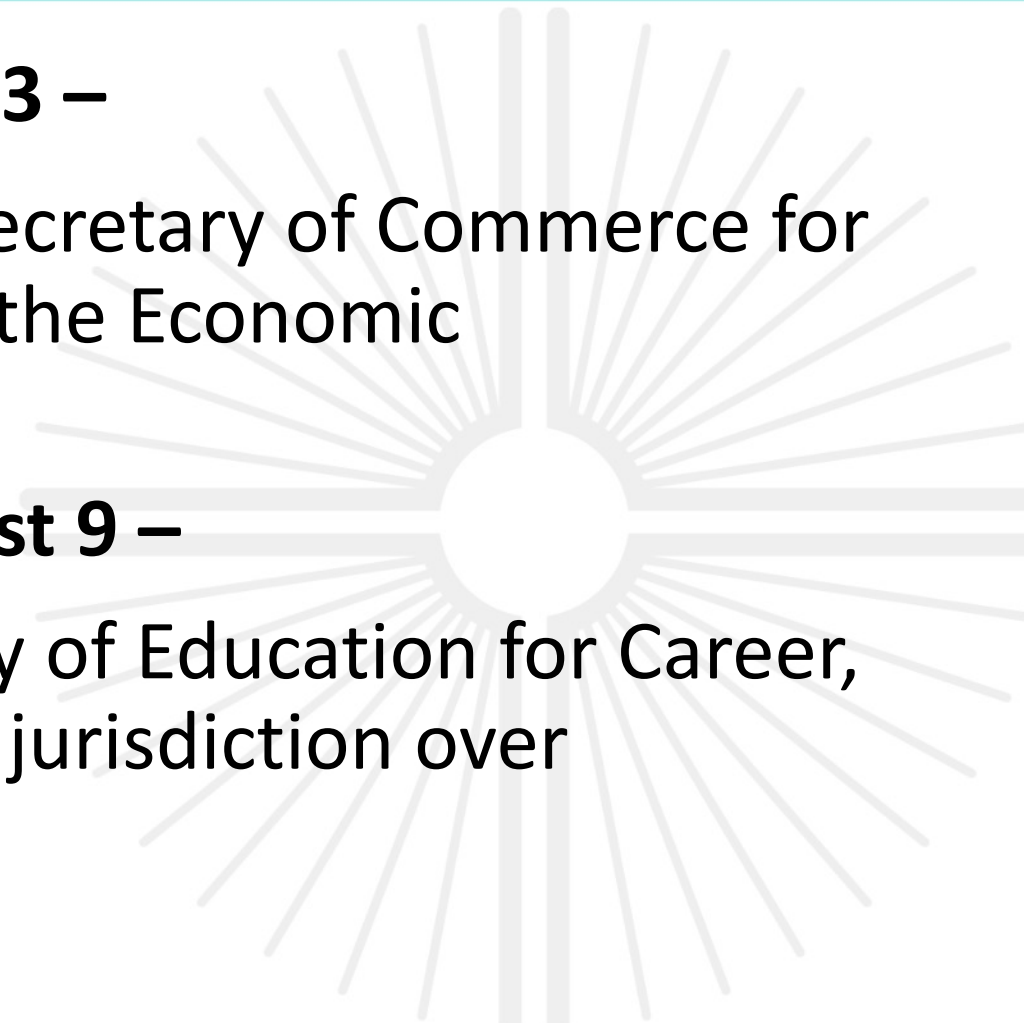
KEY BIDEN ADMINISTRATION NOMINATIONS

Confirmed by the Senate on August 13 –

- ***Alejandra Y. Castillo*** – as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, overseeing the Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Nominated by the President on August 9 –

- ***Dr. Amy Loyd*** – as Assistant Secretary of Education for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, with jurisdiction over community college programs





Questions?

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Budget 2022-23 Update

Shared Advocacy Request

Consultation Council: Review and discuss final 2022-23 Shared Advocacy Request and align support with council members.

19 Aug.

Department of Finance: Send transmittal letter, 2022-23 Budget and Legislative Request, and Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) to the Department of Finance

30 Sep.

Governor: Release of Governor's Budget

10 Jan.

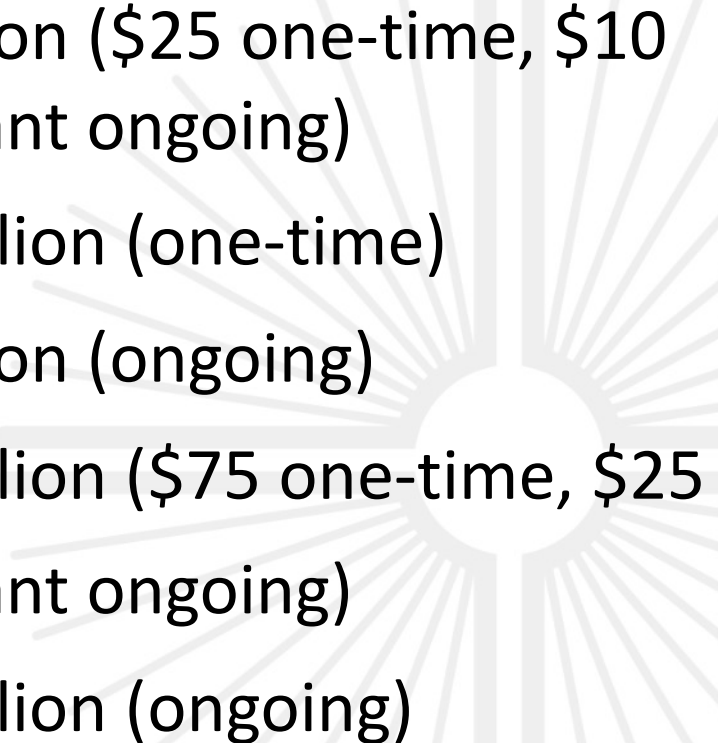
Board of Governors: 2021-22 Shared Advocacy Request is presented for Board of Governors approval.

20–21 Sep.

System Constituents: Webinar is held to discuss the final request, next steps, and request sign-ons for support letter and joint advocacy.

6 Oct.

League Submitted Budget Requests

- Sensitive Data Protection \$35 million (\$25 one-time, \$10 block grant ongoing)
 - Deferred Maintenance \$300 million (one-time)
 - Instructional Service Agreements \$35 million (ongoing)
 - Technology support \$100 million (\$75 one-time, \$25 block grant ongoing)
 - Unallocated Increase to the Base \$100 million (ongoing)
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Recall Update

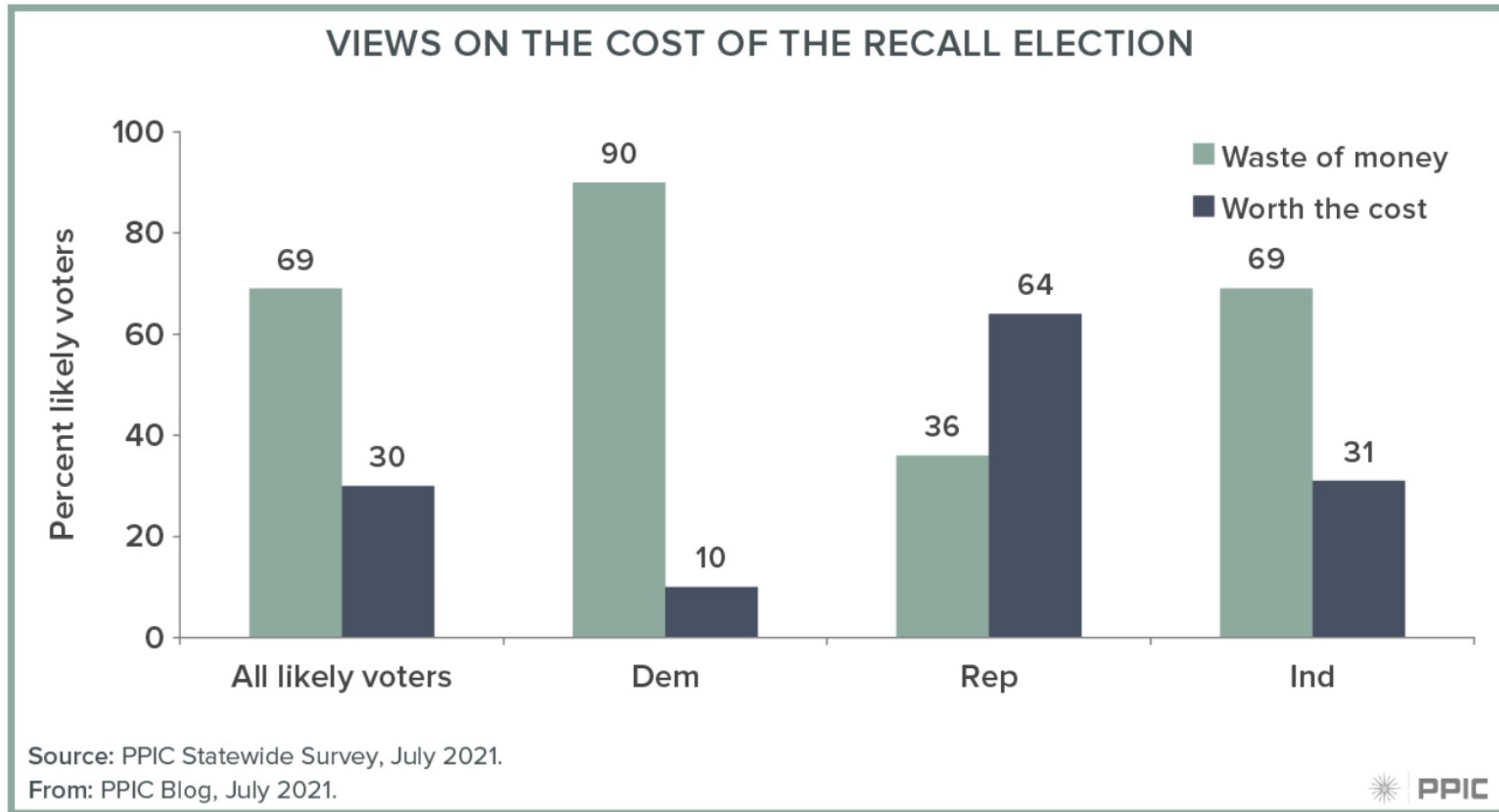


Recall Election: September 14

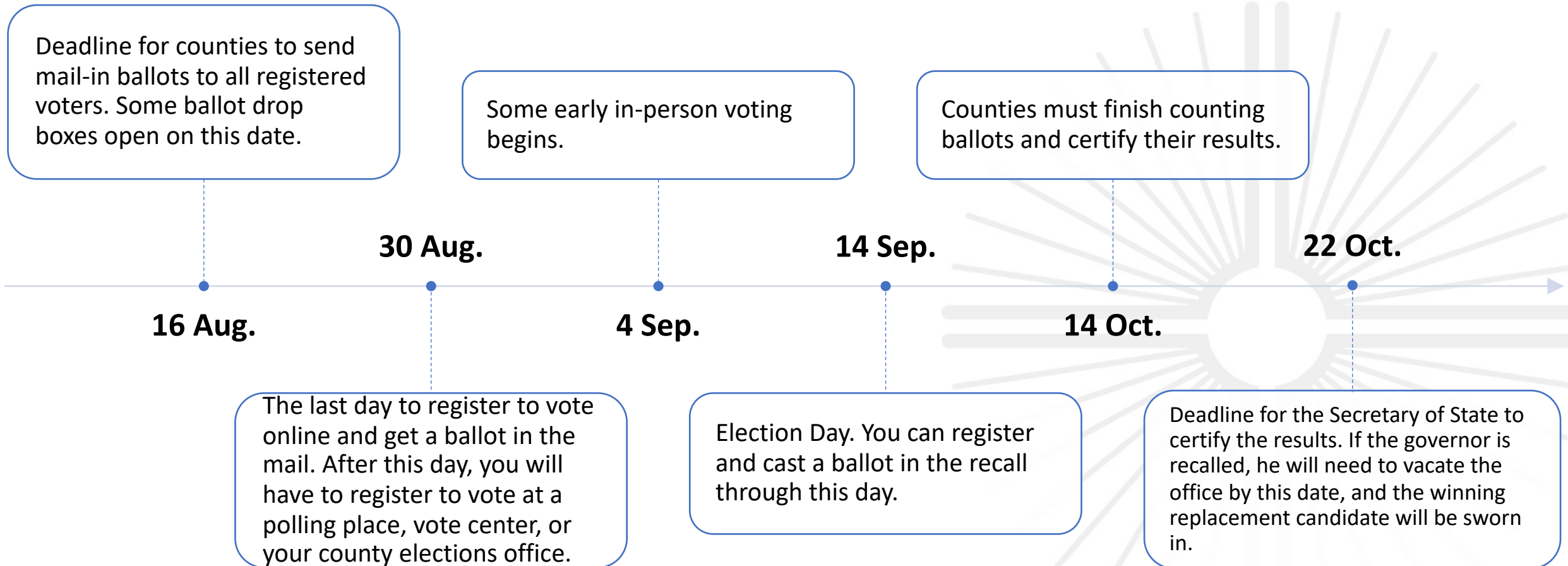


PPIC: What's Wrong with the Recall?

July 28, 2021



2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election



What questions will be on the ballot?

STATE / ESTADO / 州

**Shall GAVIN NEWSOM be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor?
¿Debería ser destituido (removido) GAVIN NEWSOM del cargo de Gobernador?
是否應將現任州長加文. 紐森罷免（免職）？**

YES / SÍ / 是

NO / NO / 否

STATE / ESTADO / 州

**Candidates to succeed GAVIN NEWSOM as Governor if he is recalled:
Candidatos a suceder a GAVIN NEWSOM como Gobernador si fuera destituido:
如果州長加文. 紐森被罷免，接任的候選人：**

Vote for One / Vote por uno / 投一人

46 Candidates Running



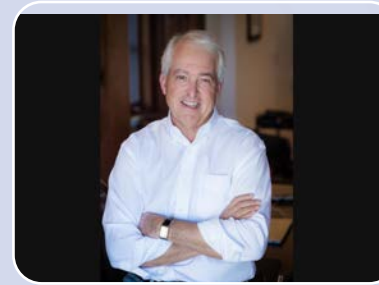
Larry
Elder



Kevin
Kiley



Caitlyn
Jenner



John Cox



Kevin
Faulconer

Other questions

Can you submit a write-in candidate?

- Yes, but you cannot submit Gavin Newsom as a write-in

Can you vote on both questions?

- Yes, even if you voted no on the recall, you can still vote on an alternative candidate

Will ballots be mailed?

- Yes, they will be mailed out on August 16, and a stamp is not needed
- But needs to be post marked by Sept 14

Can you drop it off?

- Yes, most counties will have ballot drop boxes or in person voting options

Secretary of State Resources

Find your Polling place

- <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place3>

Early Voting and Vote-by-Mail Ballot Drop Off locations

- <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/>

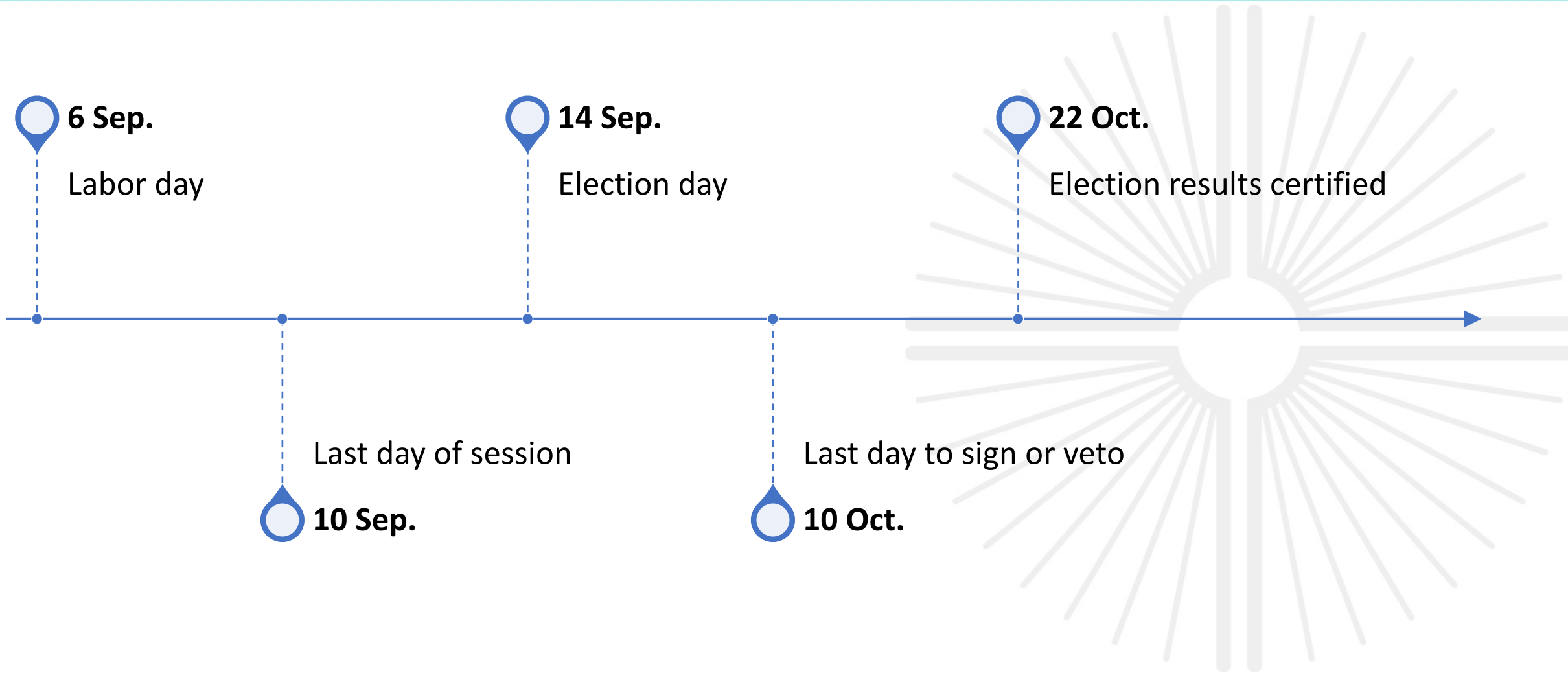
Voting Status

- <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

Election Video Resources

- <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/help-strengthen-our-democracy/video-resources>

Overlay of Legislative Calendar





Questions?





Legislative Update



Appropriations Committee



Goal: Consider fiscal implications of bills.

Question: Is a bill **worth** the amount of resources to implement, not if it is a **good** or **bad idea**.

Suspense File:

- Most bills with a fiscal cost goes into the suspense file.
- Vehicle for the committee to consider individual bills in the context of overall spending proposals.
- Opportunity for legislative leadership to alter or hold back bills that would be difficult for their members to do.
- All bills **must be passed out by August 27th**.

Bills for Discussion:

League Priority Bills:

AB 927 (Medina) BA Degrees

AB 1456 (Medina) Financial Aid Reform

Academic Affairs:

AB 928 (Berman) Transfer

AB 1111 (Berman) Common Course ID

Brown Act:

AB 361 (Rivas) COVID-19 Meetings

Collective Bargaining:

AB 275 (Medina) Classified Employees

AB 375 (Medina) Part-Time Faculty Load

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

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Would permit community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees that are not offered by the UC and CSU and remove the sunset date of the current 15 college program.

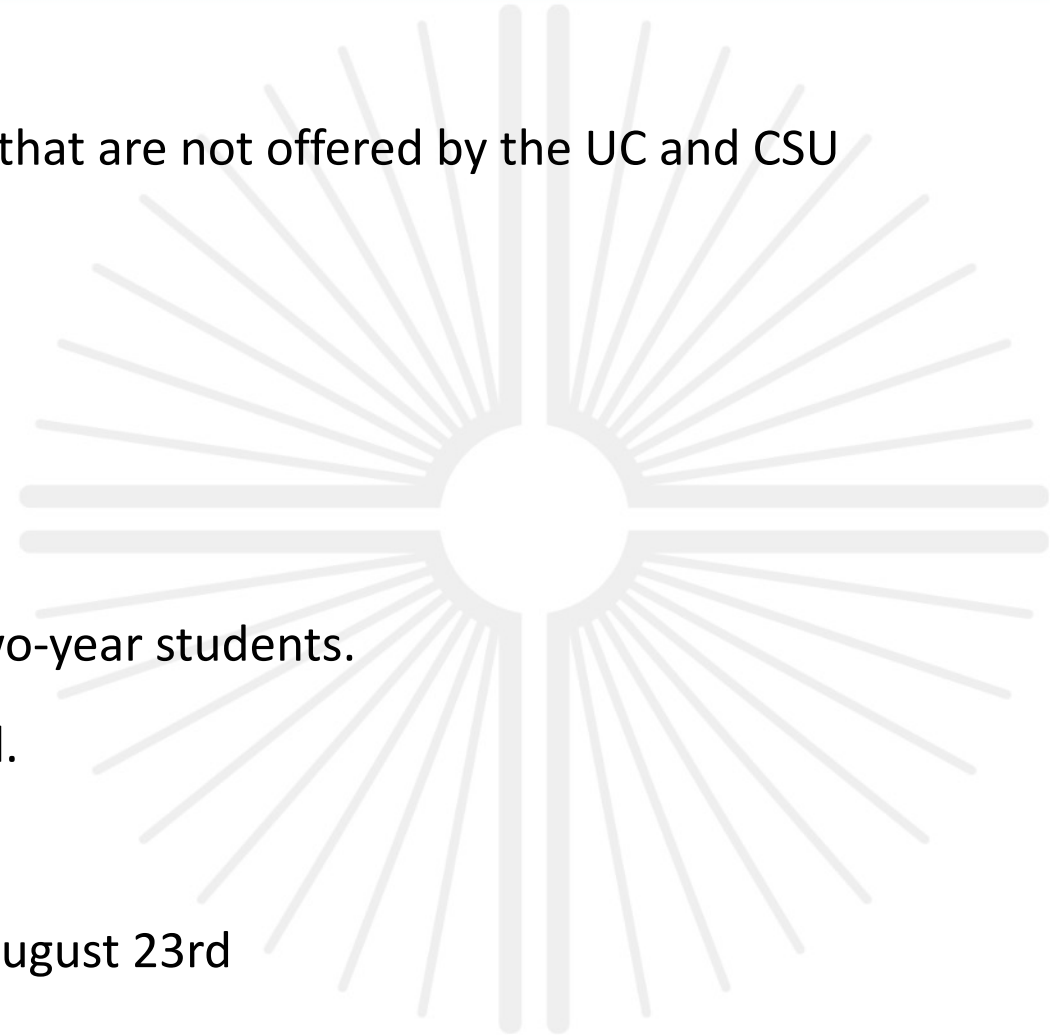
Location: Senate Appropriations Suspense File

AB 1456 (Medina) Financial Aid Reform

Would reform the state's system of financial aid by:

- Creating two new Cal Grant Awards focused on either four-or two-year students.
- Significantly expanding number of students eligible for an award.
- Two-year award focused on access costs.

Location: Senate Committee on Appropriations – to be heard on August 23rd



Academic Affairs: AB 928 (Berman) Transfer

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Introduced in order to smooth out the ADT approval, adoption, and utilization process, this bill would:

- Create a committee charged for making recommendations to the legislature on ways to improve the transfer process.
- The proposed committee would be made up of the following:
 - Three representatives from each of the system offices of the UC/CSU/CCC.
 - Three representatives from each of the Academic Senates of the UC/CSU/CCC.
 - Three representatives from each of the student body organizations of the UC/CSU/CCC.
 - One member from the California Intersegmental Articulation Council.
 - Three members of the public, one each appointed by the Governor and state legislature.
- Require the UC and CSU to adopt one unified transfer pathway.
- Require community college students to be automatically enrolled in an ADT program. Those who intend to transfer to the UC or prefer a traditional AA would need to opt out.

Location: Senate Appropriations Suspense File

Academic Affairs and Brown Act:

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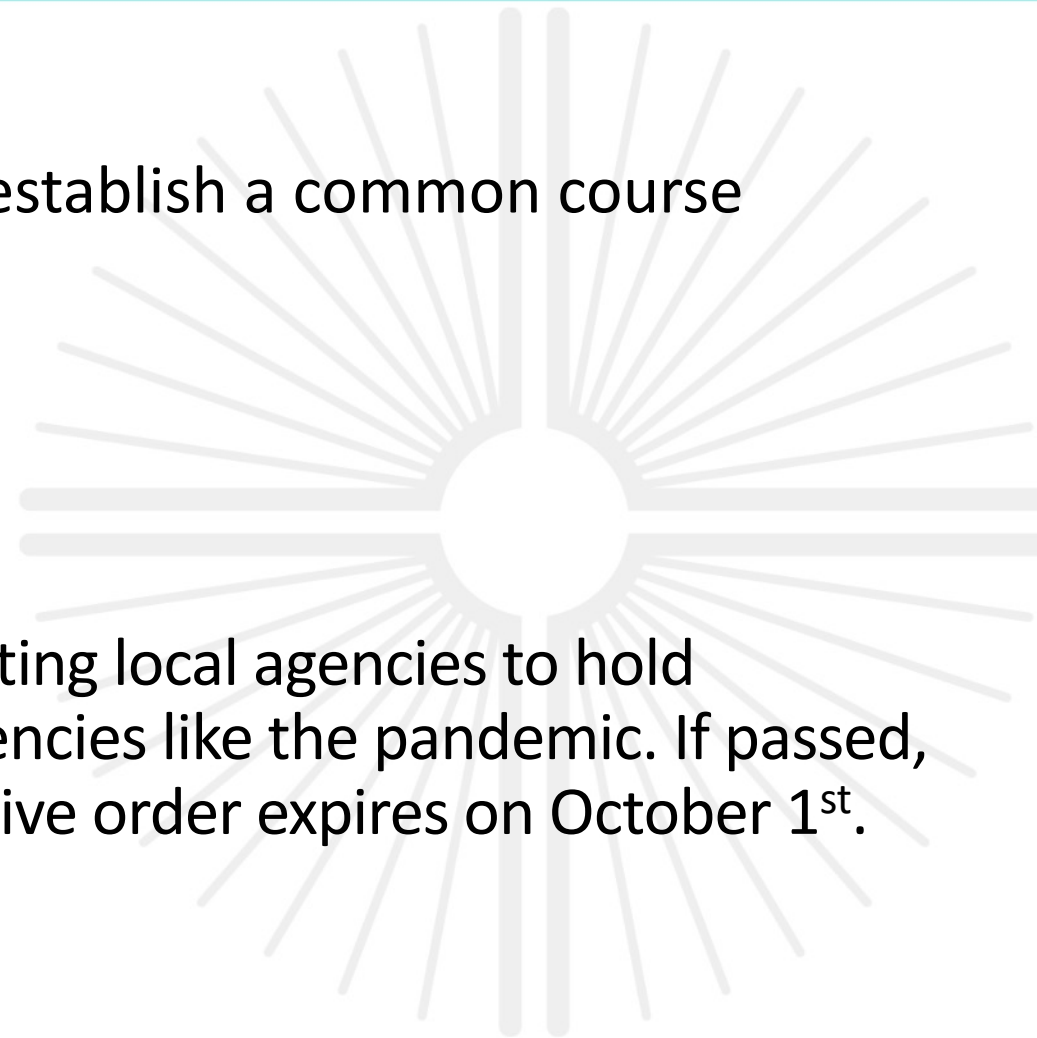
Would require California's community colleges to establish a common course numbering system.

Location: Senate Appropriations Suspense File

AB 361 (Rivas) COVID-19 Meetings

Would codify the Governor's executive order permitting local agencies to hold meetings via teleconference during declared emergencies like the pandemic. If passed, would be in effect on January 1st. The current executive order expires on October 1st.

Location: Senate Floor



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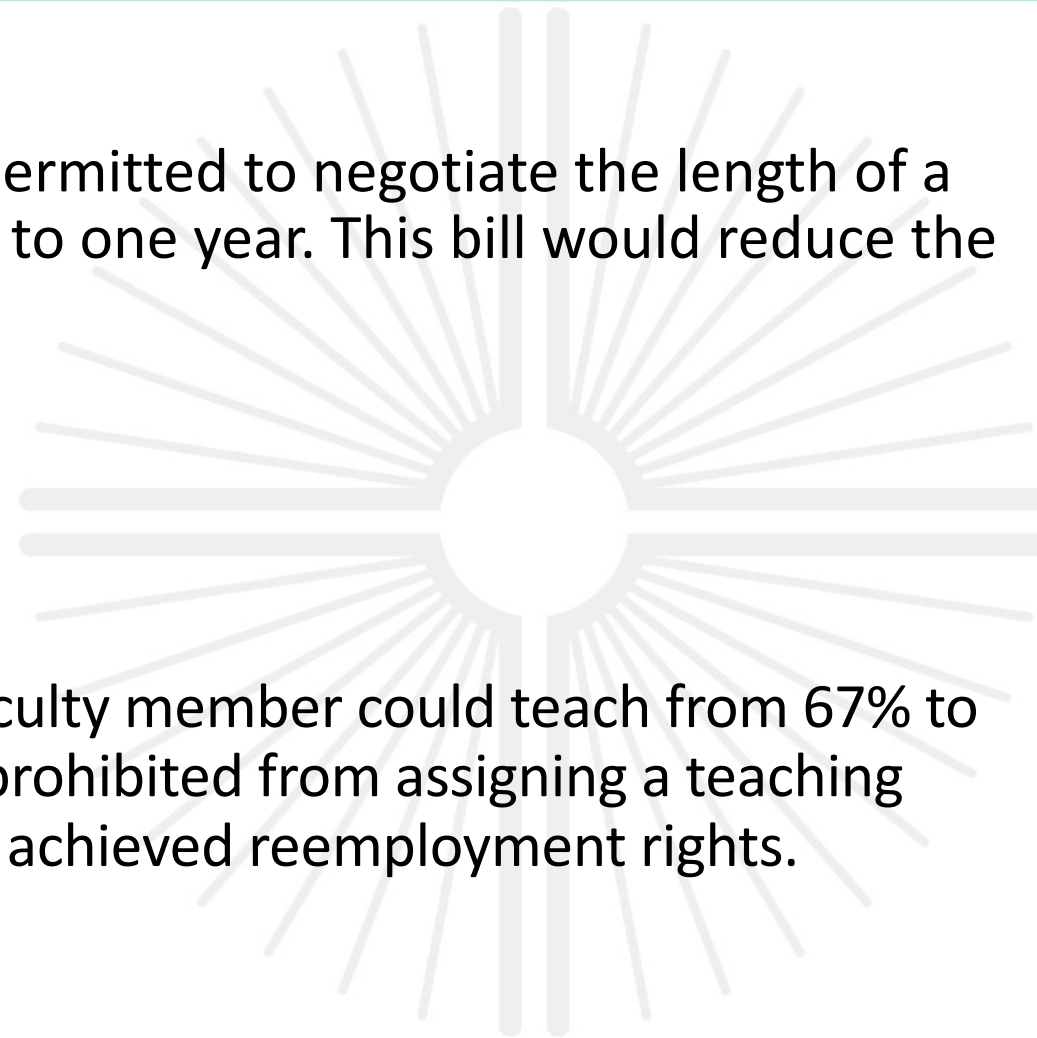
Currently, colleges and collective bargaining units are permitted to negotiate the length of a probationary period for a newly hired employee for up to one year. This bill would reduce the maximum length of time from one year to six months.

Location: Assembly Floor

AB 375 (Medina) Part-Time Faculty Load

Would increase the level of teaching load a part-time faculty member could teach from 67% to 85% of a full-time faculty member. A college would be prohibited from assigning a teaching load below 80% to a part-time faculty member who has achieved reemployment rights.

Location: Senate Appropriations Suspense File



Collective Bargaining: AB 438 (Reyes) Classified Employees: Layoffs

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.

Location: Senate Appropriations Suspense File





QUESTIONS





Thank You!

