

Government Relations Agenda

- Budget Update
- Legislative Update



Budget Update

Department of Finance: March 2021 Finance Bulletin

MONTHLY CASH REPORT

Preliminary General Fund agency cash receipts for the first eight months of the fiscal year were \$14.34 billion above the 2021-22 Governor's Budget forecast of \$111.518 billion. Cash receipts for the month of February were \$3.801 billion above the 2021-22 Governor's Budget forecast of \$4.994 billion. A significant amount of receipts above the January forecast is due to lower refunds caused by a later enactment date for the Golden State Stimulus than expected at the Governor's Budget, as well as a delayed opening date of the tax filing season by the Internal Revenue Service.

MAY REVISE: WHAT TO EXPECT? ONGOING

- Possibility of a modest increase of ongoing
- Reserves- constitutionally required
- Gann Limit- Any significant amount of state tax revenue received above the Gann Limit leads to future tax rebates or tax cuts.

May Revise: What to Expect? One-time

- Likelihood we will experience an increase in one-time
- Strategic investments
 - What options should policymakers be considering?
- Enrollment
 - Student services
 - Reenrollment efforts
 - Financial aid reform

THE IRS TAX FILING DEADLINE IS

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Advocacy Efforts April & May 2021

League Partner with faculty and students

- An unallocated base augmentation or COLA increase
- Address deferrals if new dollars are available
- Financial Aid reform that addresses total cost of attendance

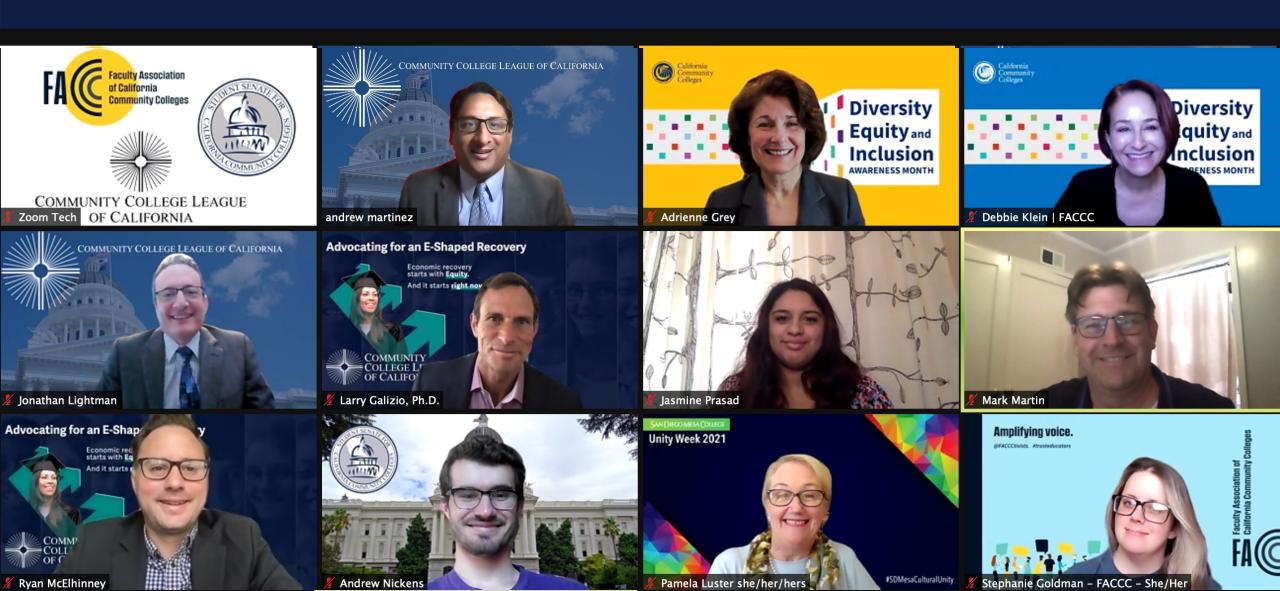
After May Revise

- Addressing any new revenues
- Any proposed changes from the Administration
- Last push for League priorities









Senate Democrats Budget Priorities for 2021-22 and Beyond



Senate Democrats Proposal Overarching Points

- A decade of responsible budgeting helped deal with recession without massive, widespread program cuts ---unlike in past recoveries, State does not need to first restore billions cuts before making new investments.
- Tens of billions of available one-time and ongoing General Fund revenues and federal American Rescue Plan funds Allows bold action.
- A proactive federal government that largely shares California's values appears poised to make bold changes for infrastructure, safety net programs, and health care.

Senate Democrats Proposal Transformative Build Back Boldly:

- Debt-Free College
- Path to Universal 0-3 Early Care and Education
- Homelessness, Housing Affordability & Homeownership
- Wildfire Prevention and Resilience
- Drought Protection
- Health Care Access and Affordability
- Small Business and Non-Profits Bounce-Back
- State Systems Improvements

Senate Democrats Proposal Debt Free College

Part 1: Improve and fill gaps in the current Cal Grant Program:

- Provide full tuition award for Cal Grant B students (currently, lowest income families that get Cal Grant B do not receive tuition support in their first year).
- Replace GPA requirements with "good standing requirement" to be consistent with other financial aid programs.
- Remove the age cap and "one year out of high school" rules that keep out non-traditional students.
- Expand the Student Success Completion Grant to all community college students, increase the awards, and provide prorated awards for part-time students.

Senate Democrats Proposal Higher Education Package

- Eliminate planned ongoing cuts to UC and CSU.
- Increase funding for expand enrollment at UC and CSU:
 - One-time funds for capital costs/property acquisition to enable enrollment expansions.
 - Phase down non-resident students to reasonable level and replace with
 California resident students and backfill lost out-of-state tuition revenues for universities.
- Maximize flexible funding for Community Colleges from their share of the anticipated historic growth in Proposition 98 funds.
- Accelerate repayment of Community College Deferrals to relieve cash pressures for community college districts.

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**.



#EquityinEducation #EShapedRecovery

Legislative Update: Bills of Interest

Bills of Interest

League Priority Bills:

AB 102 (Holden) Dual Enrollment Expansion
AB 927 (Medina) Community College Baccalaureate Degree
AB 1456 (Medina) Financial Aid Reform

Academic Affairs:

AB 928 (Berman) Transfer
AB 1040 (Muratsuchi) Ethnic Studies
AB 1111 (Berman) Common Course ID

Collective Bargaining:

AB 275 (Medina) Classified Employees
AB 438 (Reyes) Classified Employees: Layoff Notices
and Hearings
SB 205 (Leyva) Sick Leave
SB 270 (Durazo) Employee Information

Basic Needs:

AB 775 (Berman) Basic Needs
AB 940 (McCarty) Student Mental Health
AB 1326 (Arambula) County Higher Education Liaisons

Facilities:

AB 306 (O'Donnell) Employee Housing AB 1377 (McCarty) Student Housing

Fiscal and Funding:

AB 421 (Ward) CDCP Reimbursement Rates AB 576 (Maienschein) Military Bases

Governance:

AB 337 (Medina) BOG Student Member AB 1216 (Salas) Student Trustees AB 1432 (Low) Calbright

Priority Bills: AB 102 (Holden) and AB 927 (Medina)

AB 102 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways: County Offices of Education

Would make the College and Career Access Pathway (CCAP) program permanent by eliminating its sunset date and permit community college districts to enter into College and Career Access Pathway programs with County Offices of Education.

CCLC Position: Support Location: Assembly Education Committee

AB 927 (Medina) Community College Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Would remove the current sunset date on the California community college baccalaureate degree program and would expand eligibility so that all community colleges could participate.

CCLC Position: Support Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Priority Bills: AB 1456 (Medina) Cal Grant reform

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Would change the state's system of financial aid to focus on the specific needs of students at two-year and four- year colleges:

Cal Grant 2 – Community College Students

- Provides an access award of \$1,656 and ties award level to inflation
- Removes eligibility requirements relating to age, GPA, and time out of high school.
- Significant expansion in number of students eligible for award.

Cal Grant 4 – Four Year Institutions

Award level tied to tuition.

CCLC Position: Support Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Priority Bills: Legislative Action

Focus on:

AB 102 (Holden) Dual Enrollment

AB 927 (Medina) BA Degrees

AB 1456 (Medina) Cal Grant Reform

Toolkit: https://ccleague.org/advocacy/legislative-actions

Contains:

- Summary of bill
- Talking points
- Template support letter

Bills of Interest: Academic Affairs

AB 928 (Berman) Transfer

Would do the following:

- Create an intersegmental committee focused on ensuring ADT's are the primary transfer pathway for community college students transferring to the UC, CSU, and other institutions.
- Require the UC and CSU to form one transfer pathway by 2024.
- Mandate that all community college students be automatically placed into an associate degree for transfer pathway. Students who are interested in obtaining a regular associate's degree or transfer to the UC would be required to opt out of the pathway.

Bills of Interest: Academic Affairs



AB 1040 (Muratsuchi) Ethnic Studies

Starting of the 2022-23 academic year, this bill would mandate community colleges to require a three-unit ethnic studies class for graduation.

CCLC Position: Support

AB 1111 (Berman) Common Course ID

Would require California's community colleges to create a common number system.

Bills of Interest: 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.

CCLC Position: Oppose Location: State Senate

AB 438 (Reyes) Classified Employee Layoff Notices

Would require the same rights to a hearing and notices for classified employees when a K-12 or community college district is considering layoffs due to fiscal problems.

CCLC Position: Oppose Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Bills of Interest: 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 to receive the employee's full salary for an additional period of 5 months.

CCLC Position: Oppose Location: Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 270 (Durazo) Employee Contact Information

Would make public employers liable for fines up to \$10,000 and attorney's fees if a successful unfair labor practice charge was filed against the public employer for either deliberately or making a mistake in providing incorrect employee contact information to their collective bargaining agents.

CCLC Position: Oppose Location: Senate Appropriations Committee

Bills of Interest: Basic Needs

AB 775 (Berman) Basic Needs Coordinator and Centers

Would mandate that community colleges create a full-time staff position focused on connecting students to programs to help alleviate basic needs at both the college, county, and state levels. Additionally, colleges will be required to form a basic needs center on campus that would serve as a one-stop center for students seeking to obtain these services.

AB 940 (McCarty) Student Mental Health

Would appropriate an unspecified amount of dollars from funds generated by Proposition 63 to go towards student mental health programs at the UC, CSU, and Community Colleges.

CCLC Position: Support Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1326 (Arambulo) County Higher Education Liaisons

Would require counties to establish a dedicated staff person to liaison with higher education institutions located in their jurisdictions to connect college students with county human and health services.

CCLC Position: Support Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Bills of Interest: Facilities

AB 306 (O'Donnell) Student and Employee Housing

Would exclude any housing built on a school or community college district property for students and employees from Department of State Architect oversight.

CCLC Position: Support Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1377 (McCarty) Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund

Would establish a revolving loan fund in which the community colleges, California State University, and the University of California can access to build affordable student housing. It would fund this program by creating a continuous appropriation towards the fund in which the State Treasurer can utilize as security for issuing bonds.

CCLC Position: Support Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Bills of Interest: Fiscal and Funding

AB 421 (Ward) CDCP Reimbursement Rates

Would permit CDCP courses to be funded via positive attendance or on a census date apportionment.

CCLC Position: Support

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 576 (Maienschein) Apportionment for on Military Bases

Would waive the open course requirements for courses taught on a closed military base.

CCLC Position: Support

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee



Bills of Interest: Governance

AB 337 (Medina) Board of Governors – Student Members

Would provide full voting rights for the second member of the Board of Governors.

CCLC Position: Support

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1432 (Low) Calbright College

Would eliminate Calbright College commencing with the end of the 2022-23 academic year.

CCLC Position: Oppose

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee



Bills of Interest: Governance

AB 1216 (Salas) Student Trustees

Originally would have encouraged the Chancellor's Office to form a workgroup to study the feasibility of giving student trustees a full vote and mandate the following:

- An advisory vote for a student trustee.
- Ability to make motions and seconds.
- Equal pay between community and student-elected trustees.
- Participation in closed sessions, with the exception of those related to collective bargaining or personnel matters.

QUESTIONS