

# Government Relations Webinar

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

# Welcome our newest member, our Summer Fellow!



## **Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen**

- Santa Monica College Student majoring in Sociology with a focus on Public Policy
- Pursuing a master's in public policy after completion of undergraduate studies
- Served as the President of the Student Senate for the California Community Colleges, representing all 2 million California Community College Students



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# Federal Update

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- I. Current composition of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress
- II. Enacted legislation: FAA Reauthorization Act
- III. Federal legislation under active consideration
- IV. Community Project Funding (“earmarks”)

# Composition of the 118th Congress

## Current Balance of Power On Capitol Hill

### **U.S. House of Representatives**

219 Republicans

213 Democrats

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There currently are 3 vacancies, due to the death of Rep. Don Paine (D-NJ), and the resignation of Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO) and Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI).

### **United States Senate**

51 Democrats\*

49 Republicans

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\*Includes 4 Independents who caucus with the Democratic party – Senators Angus King (ME), Joe Manchin (WV), Kyrsten Sinema (AZ) and Bernie Sanders (VT)



# Composition of the 118th Congress

## Newest California Delegation Member

### **Rep. Vince Fong (R-CA-20)**

- Previously a California Assemblymember
- Sworn in to Congress on June 3, 2024
- District offices in Bakersfield and Fresno

### **Committee assignments:**

- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Science, Space, and Technology



# Retiring California Delegation Members

- Senator Laphonza Butler (D-CA)
  - Representative Tony Cárdenas (D-CA)
  - Representative Anna Eshoo (D-CA)
  - Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA)
  - Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA)
  - Representative Katie Porter (D-CA)
  - Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA)
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# Enacted Legislation: FAA Reauthorization Act

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# Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Signed into law by President Biden May 16

## **Aviation Workforce Development grants**

- \$20 million annually for aviation maintenance, \$20 million for pilots, and \$20 million for aviation manufacturing development programs.
- Increases the maximum grant from \$500,000 to \$1 million.
- These are huge increases over the funding previously available.

## **Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS/drone) technology**

- Authorizes \$5 million annually for higher ed small UAS technology grants.





# Legislation Under Active Consideration

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# National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) As passed by the U.S. House of Representatives

## **Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART)**

- Approves the Biden administration's \$143.6 million request for the SMART Defense Education Program, with an emphasis on increasing participation from students at Hispanic-Serving Institutions and other Minority-Serving Institutions.

## **National Defense Education Program (NDEP)**

- Increases funding for the NDEP to strengthen and expand STEM education opportunities and workforce initiatives targeted at military students. Community colleges have been funded under the NDEP.

# National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) As passed by the U.S. House of Representatives

## **Advanced manufacturing development for extreme environments**

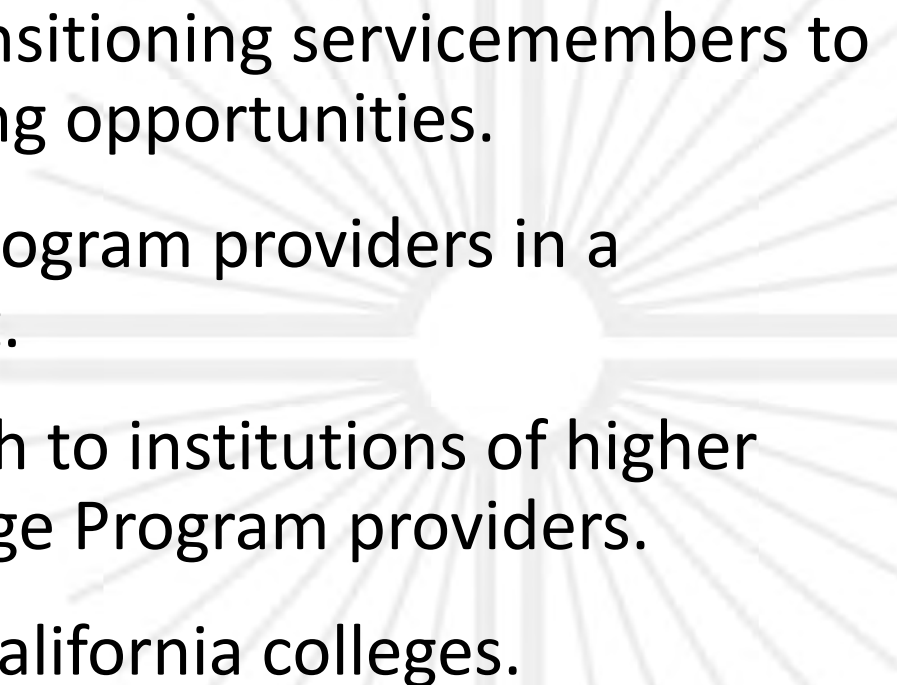
- The NDAA supports Army Research Laboratory collaboration with academia and industry to ensure a robust advanced manufacturing capability in critical technologies and prepare the necessary technical workforce to accelerate the development of innovative materials.

## **Integrated circuit substrate acceleration**

- The NDAA authorizes funding to support domestic substrate production for printed circuit boards and semiconductors to fill a critical need for the U.S. defense industrial base

# National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) As passed by the U.S. House of Representatives

## **DOD SkillBridge Program**

- The DOD SkillBridge Program connects transitioning servicemembers to in-demand civilian employment and training opportunities.
  - There are community college SkillBridge Program providers in a number of states, mostly on the East Coast.
  - The NDAA directs DOD to conduct outreach to institutions of higher education to support their role as SkillBridge Program providers.
  - This could provide new opportunities for California colleges.
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# Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Process

## Congress Must Pass 12 Bills on an Annual Basis

- Agriculture
  - Commerce-Justice-Science
  - Defense
  - Energy and Water Development
  - Financial Services
  - Homeland Security
  - Interior and Environment
  - Labor-HHS-Education
  - Legislative Branch
  - Military Construction/-VA
  - State-Foreign Operations
  - Transportation-HUD
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# Military Construction/VA Appropriations Bill

## As passed by the U.S. House of Representatives

### **GI Bill Apprenticeships and On-the-Job-Training (OJT)**

- Directs the VA to promote OJT and support State Approving Agencies and programs that incentivize increased OJT participation by employers.
- Directs additional support and resources to be provided by the VA to State Approving Agencies to establish partnerships between industry and higher-ed institutions.

### **Biomanufacturing Training**

- Directs the VA to engage with academia to advance Current Good Manufacturing Practice facilities for biomanufacturing training.
- Recommends the VA establish a pilot program to provide targeted, hands-on, industrial biomanufacturing training for veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses.

# Military Construction/VA Appropriations Bill As passed by the U.S. House of Representatives

## **Academic Collaborations at Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC)**

- The MilCon/VA Appropriations bill directs the VA to expand academic collaborations with CBOCs, as they provide valuable patient care and access to services that can be strengthened by collaboration with educational institutions.
- Through clinical traineeships and fellowships, emerging health professionals can gain a better understanding of veterans' specific healthcare needs, improve patient outcomes, advance specialized research, and secure the talented workforce pipeline.
- The VA is encouraged to consider including public academic medical centers in CBOC collaborations.



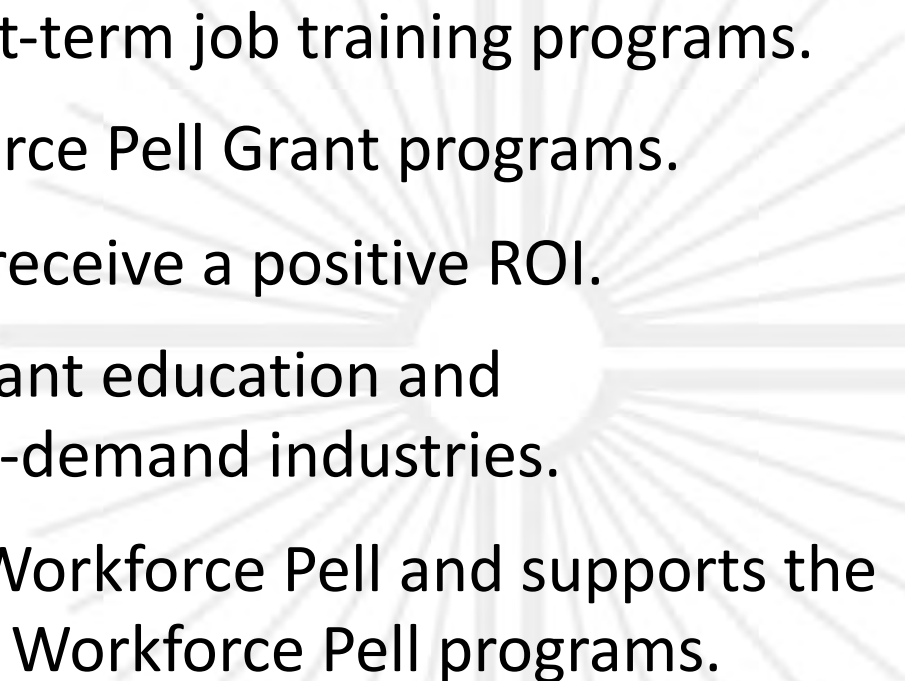
# Stronger Workforce for America Act (H.R. 6655) As passed by the U.S. House of Representatives

## **Key provisions of this bipartisan WIOA reauthorization bill:**

- Authorizes \$65 million annually for Strengthening Community College Training grants.
- Dedicates 50% of adult and dislocated worker funding to upskilling.
- Emphasizes employer initiatives to prepare workers for critical industries.
- Streamlines the eligible training provider list to align with hiring needs.
- Emphasizes work-based learning and enhances workforce education programs at community colleges that align with in-demand jobs.

# Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act (H.R. 6585)

## **Key provisions of interest:**

- Helps low-income students participate in short-term job training programs.
  - Creates a quality assurance system for Workforce Pell Grant programs.
  - Aligns costs with economic value so students receive a positive ROI.
  - Ensures programs provide students with relevant education and competencies necessary for employment in in-demand industries.
  - Outlines a process for accreditors to oversee Workforce Pell and supports the on-ramp of new expert accreditors to oversee Workforce Pell programs.
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# The Farm Bill

## **The Senate and House are preparing their respective versions of the multi-year food and agriculture program reauthorization**

- Both the Senate and House Farm Bill proposals incorporate provisions of the Community College Agriculture Advancement Act (C2A3) authorizing \$20 million annually in capacity building grants for community colleges.
- Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA), a member of the House Agriculture Committee, has led a C2A3 “marker bill” that was added to the House and Senate bills.
- The Senate proposal also amends the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) to authorize community college grants for workforce training and outreach related to food and agricultural sciences.



# Semiconductor Technology Update

**The Chips and Science Act of 2022 placed the United States on a path toward renewed leadership in semiconductor manufacturing**

- The CHIPS Office at the Commerce Department is promoting technician-level training in semiconductor manufacturing at community colleges.
- The goal of the CHIPS Office is to train 100,000 new technicians through apprenticeships, CTE, and career pathway programs.
- We organized a June 17 community college Zoom forum featuring the CHIPS Office. **Please let me know if you would like the speaker's slides.**

# Artificial Intelligence (AI) Update

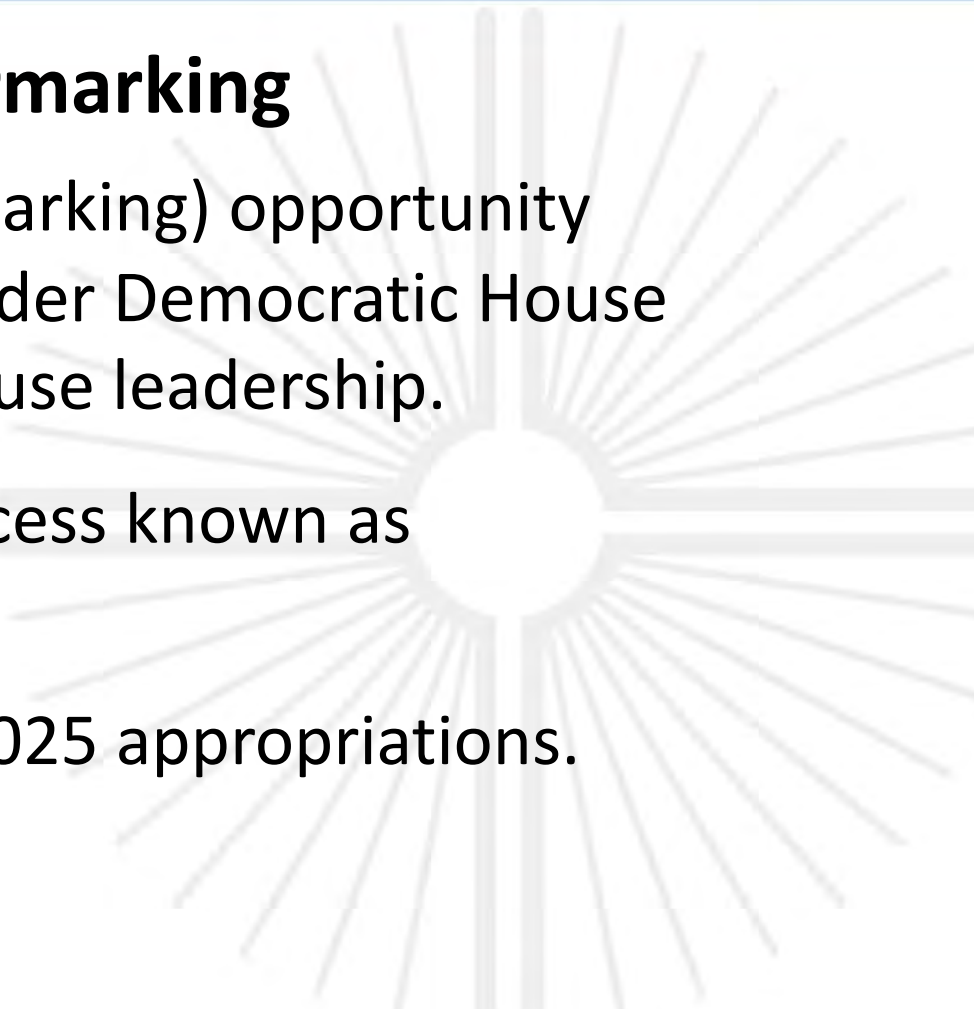
## **The House and Senate have had a number of convenings on AI**

- Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has hosted insight forums with tech, labor, and civil rights leaders to discuss AI regulation.
- Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA), who led an AI roundtable with speakers from Stanford, Harvard, and other institutions, is working on AI legislation.
- We are organizing an AI Zoom forum for community colleges to be led by Rep. Ro Khanna on July 9 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM PST.

**Please contact me if you are interested in attending this Zoom forum.**

# Community Project Funding (“earmarks”)

## **An opportunity for appropriations earmarking**

- The Community Project Funding (aka earmarking) opportunity established in the FY 2022 budget cycle under Democratic House leadership continues under Republican House leadership.
  - The United States Senate has a similar process known as Congressionally Directed Spending.
  - These opportunities are continuing in FY 2025 appropriations.
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# Community Project Funding (“earmarks”) Advanced to House/Senate Appropriations Committees

- Allan Hancock College
  - Barstow Community College
  - Cabrillo College
  - Cerritos College
  - Chabot-Las Positas CCD
  - City College of San Francisco
  - College of the Canyons
  - El Camino College
  - Foothill-De Anza CCD
  - Fullerton College
  - Glendale Community College
  - Lake Tahoe Community College
  - Long Beach City College
  - Los Angeles CCD
  - Los Rios CCD
  - Merced College
  - Mt. San Antonio College
  - Peralta CCD
  - Rancho Santiago CCD
  - Rio Honda College
  - Riverside CCD
  - Saddleback College
  - San Bernadino CCD
  - San Diego CCD
  - Shasta College
  - South Orange County CCD
  - Southwestern College
  - State Center CCD
  - Yosemite CCD
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# QUESTIONS?

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# Budget Update

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May 28, 2024

# Administration Reached Agreement with CTA



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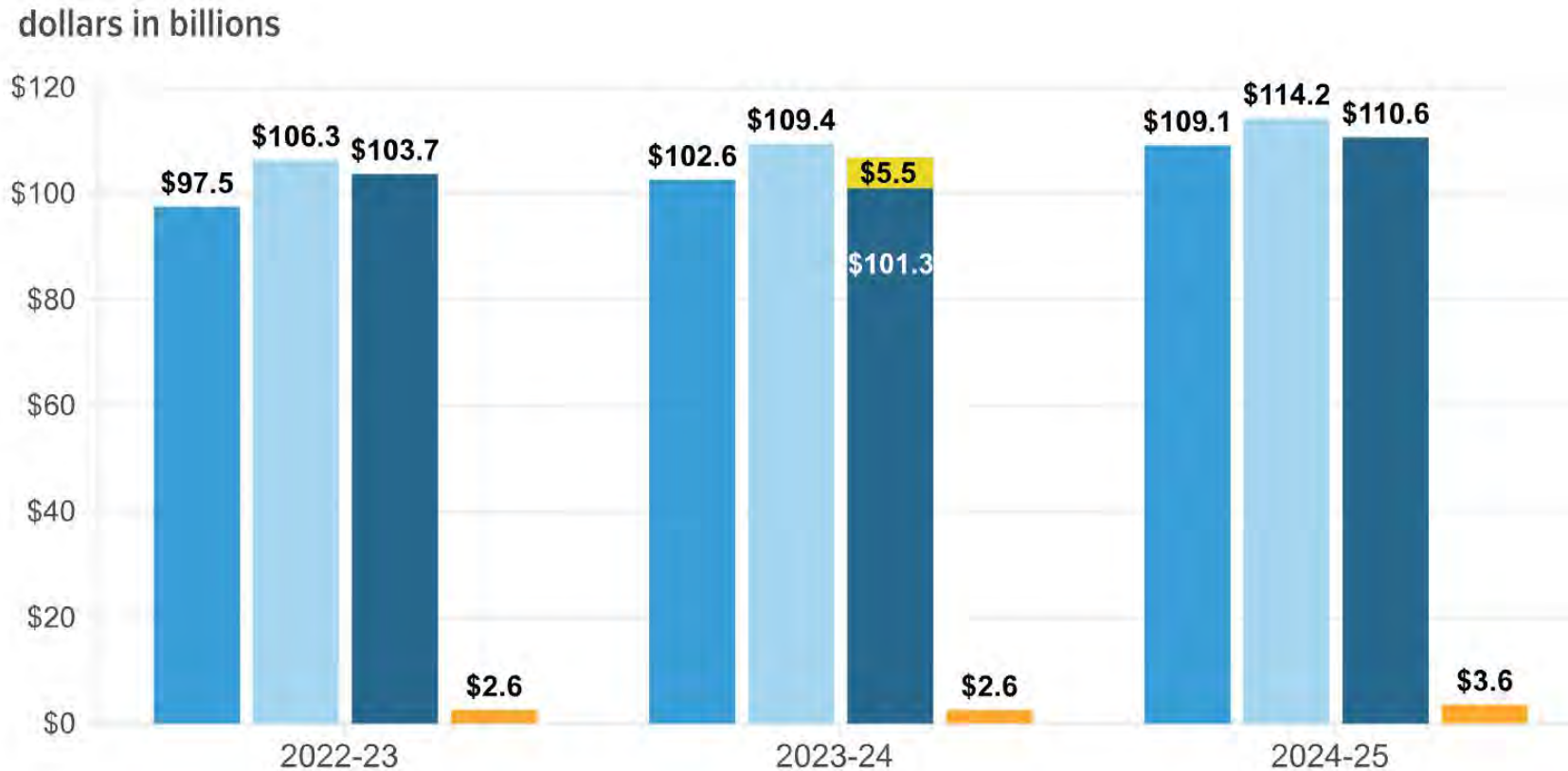


CTA AND GOVERNOR HAVE  
AGREED TO SUSPEND PROP. 98

# Final agreement for Proposition 98 funding covering 2022-23 to 2024-25

Negotiated deal raises funding but requires some delayed payments with Prop. 98 suspension in 2023-24

● May Revision ● CTA Estimate ● Compromise ● To be suspended ● Difference between CTA and Compromise



Source: California Department of Finance, California Teachers Association

Chart by Yuxuan Xie

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# Legislative Response to Updated Proposition 98 Proposal



The Administration recently updated its Proposition 98 proposal, which would keep many aspects of their original proposal but also include a suspension of Proposition 98 in the 2023-24 fiscal year.



The suspension will result in higher ongoing funding for schools in future years than the Governor's original proposal. The Legislature continues to examine the new proposal.



# 2024-25 Legislative Proposal



## **Updating the state's Rainy Day fund:**

Increase the size of the Rainy Day Fund from 10 percent of the state budget to 20 percent.



## **"Projected Surplus Temporary Holding Account"**

A portion of any projected surplus will be deposited into a Projected Surplus Temporary Holding Account, where they will be held until it is clear the projected surplus of revenues actually materialized.

# Legislative Proposal California Community Colleges



Approves the May Revise proposal to support a 1.07% cost-of-living adjustment for apportionments.



Approves the May Revise proposal to support a 1.07% cost-of-living adjustment for select categorical programs.



Approves the May Revise proposal to support 0.5% enrollment growth.

# Legislative Proposal California Community Colleges



Rejects without prejudice the May Revise proposal to provide a \$12 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support the development of **e-transcript California**.



Rejects without prejudice the May Revise proposal to provide a \$12 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support a **common cloud data platform demonstration project**.



Approves the May Revise proposal to provide a \$6 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support systemwide implementation of **credit-for-prior-learning pathways**.

# Legislative Proposal California Community Colleges



Modifies the May Revise proposal to provide a \$5 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support a Pathways for Low-Income Workers demonstration project. Creates the program within 2024-25 Strong Workforce program funding.



Modifies a Governor's Budget proposal to provide a \$60 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support expansion of nursing programs. Creates the program within 2024-25 Strong Workforce program funding. Includes placeholder trailer bill language to develop a grant program to support ADN, ADN-to-BSN programs, and community college BSN programs if the policy is approved through the legislative process.



# Financial Aid



Restores full funding for the Middle Class Scholarship program. The May Revision proposal dramatically reduced the program.



Implements a modified Cal Grant Reform, which will benefit lower-income students – particularly those at Community Colleges.

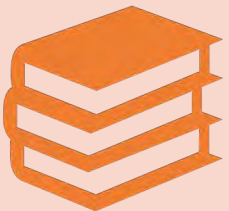


Provides \$20 million Proposition 98 General Fund one-time to assist community college financial aid offices with unexpected workloads and circumstances due to FAFSA delays and to help support students who are still trying to complete the FAFSA.

# Legislative Proposal California Community Colleges



Approves Supplemental Reporting Language requiring the Chancellor's Office to report on projected district-by-district funding levels for the next three years, summer enrollment data, changes over time related to performance metrics, and projections based on potential changes to the supplemental allocation.



Approves placeholder trailer bill language, removing the local match requirement for the Part Time Faculty Office Hours program.

# Legislative Actions

On June 13, Both houses of the Legislature approved:

## AB 107, The Budget Act of 2024

- Enrolled and presented to the Governor on June 15

## SB 154, Proposition 98: suspension

- Enrollment

## SB 167, Taxation

- Enrollment

# Next Steps



Negotiations on a final budget taking place



A subsequent bill will be amended to serve as a clean-up vehicle, reflecting the final agreement with the Legislature and Administration



Other bills will be amended to serve as trailer bills



The Governor must sign the budget by June 27





# Legislative Update

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# Second House Deadline

**May 28** Committee meetings may resume

**July 3** Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills

Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided the Budget Bill has been passed.

**August 5** Legislature reconvenes

**August 16** Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills

**August 19-31** Floor Session only

**August 31** Last day for each house to pass bills



# SB 895 (Roth): Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

This bill would authorize 15 community college districts to award Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees. Participating districts must have a nationally accredited Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program.

**Location:** Assembly Higher Education Committee, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing

**League Position:** **SUPPORT/SPONSOR**





# SB 895 (Roth) Committee hearing:

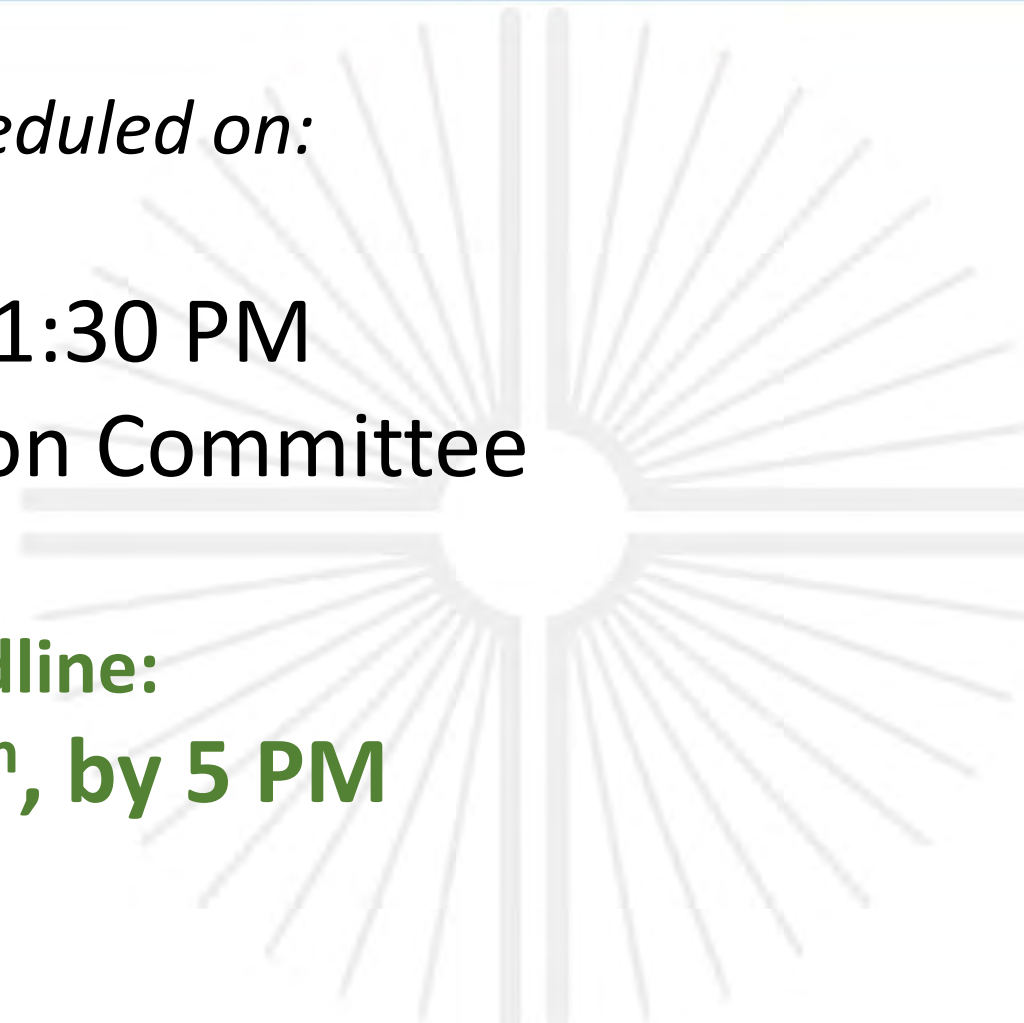
*Committee hearing scheduled on:*

Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 PM

Assembly Higher Education Committee

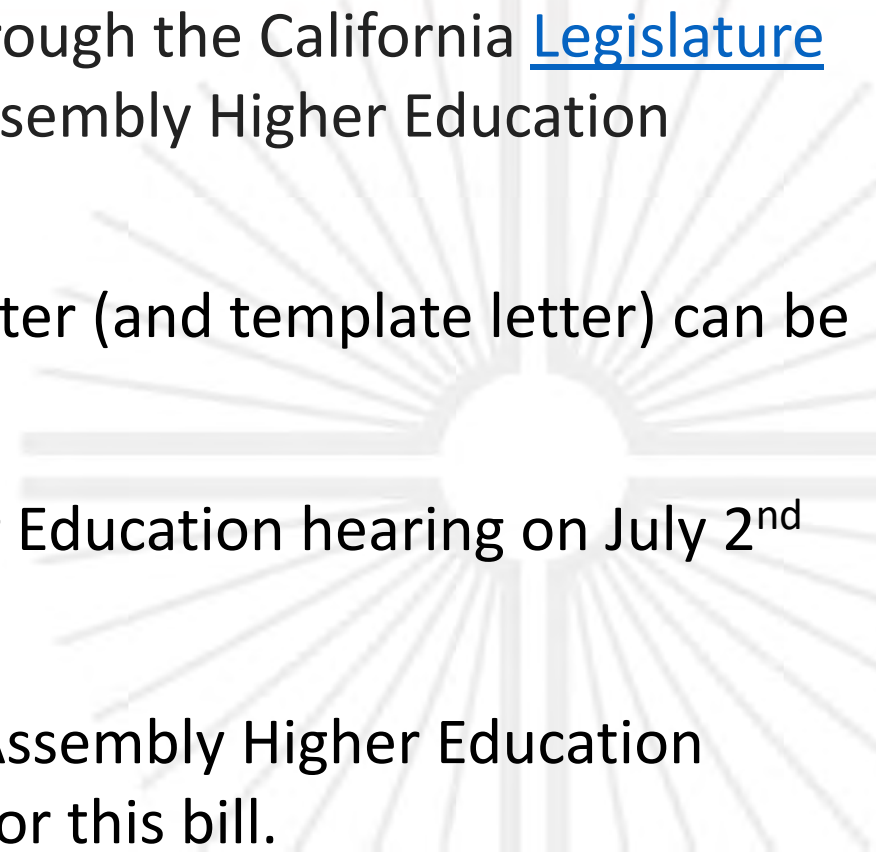
**Support letter deadline:**

**Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, by 5 PM**





# Action Requested: SB 895 (Roth)

- Please submit a letter of support for SB 895 through the California [Legislature Position Letter Portal](#) to the attention of the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
    - Instructions on how to submit a support letter (and template letter) can be found on our Legislative Actions page [here](#).
  - Please consider attending the Assembly Higher Education hearing on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to show your support.
  - If your college's Assemblymember sits on the Assembly Higher Education Committee (next slide), request their support for this bill.
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# Assembly Higher Ed Committee Membership



**Mike Fong, Chair:** East Los Angeles

**Tri Ta, Vice Chair:** Golden West, Coastline

**Dr. Joaquin Arambula:** Fresno City

**Phillip Chen:** Santiago Canyon

**Bill Essayli:** Norco

**Jacqui Irwin:** Moorpark



**Evan Low:** Mission, San Jose City, De Anza

**Tasha Boerner:** San Diego City

**Corey Jackson:** Moreno Valley, Mt. San Jacinto

**Sharon Quirk-Silva:** Cerritos, Cypress, Fullerton

**Al Muratsuchi:** El Camino

# AB 1818 (Jackson): Homeless Students: Parking

This bill requires 20 CCC and 10 CSU campuses to develop a safe parking lot pilot program, allowing overnight parking by a homeless student if the student uses their vehicle as housing. This policy will cost **\$600,000 in ongoing funds** per pilot CCC campus and is an unfunded requirement.

**Location:** Senate Education Committee, June 19<sup>th</sup> Hearing

Senate Judiciary Committee, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing

**League Position: OPPOSE**



# AB 1818 Coalition Opposition Letter




Fresno City College • Clovis Community College  
Madera Community College • Reedley College





# Action Requested: AB 1818 (Jackson)

- To join the League's opposition letter, please send your college logo and signature block to [nune@ccleague.org](mailto:nune@ccleague.org) and [rina@ccleague.org](mailto:rina@ccleague.org)
  - The opposition letter will be updated for the Senate Judiciary Committee.
  - If your college's Senator sits on the Senate Education Committee (next slide), share concerns about this bill **by tomorrow's 1:30 PM hearing.**
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# Senate Education Committee Membership



Senator  
Josh Newman  
(CHAIR)

Mt. San Antonio,  
Fullerton, Cypress,  
North Orange  
County



Sen. Rosilicie  
Ochoa Bogh  
(VICE CHAIR)

Mt. San Jacinto,  
Crafton Hills,  
San Bernardino  
Valley, Chaffey



Senator  
Steve Glazer

Las Positas,  
Los Medanos



Senator Lola  
Smallwood-  
Cuevas

LA Trade-Tech,  
West LA



Senator Lena  
A. Gonzalez

Long Beach City



Senator  
Scott Wilk

Victor Valley,  
Antelope Valley



Senator  
Dave Cortese

De Anza,  
West Valley,  
Evergreen Valley,  
San Jose City

# AB 2088 (McCarty): Senior Management Employees

This bill requires k-12 and community colleges to offer classified employees the right of first refusal to an open position on campus for 10 business days before the employer may offer the position to an external candidate.

*\* AB 1699 (McCarty, 2023)- Vetoed by the Governor*

**Location:** Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee

**League Position: OPPOSE**



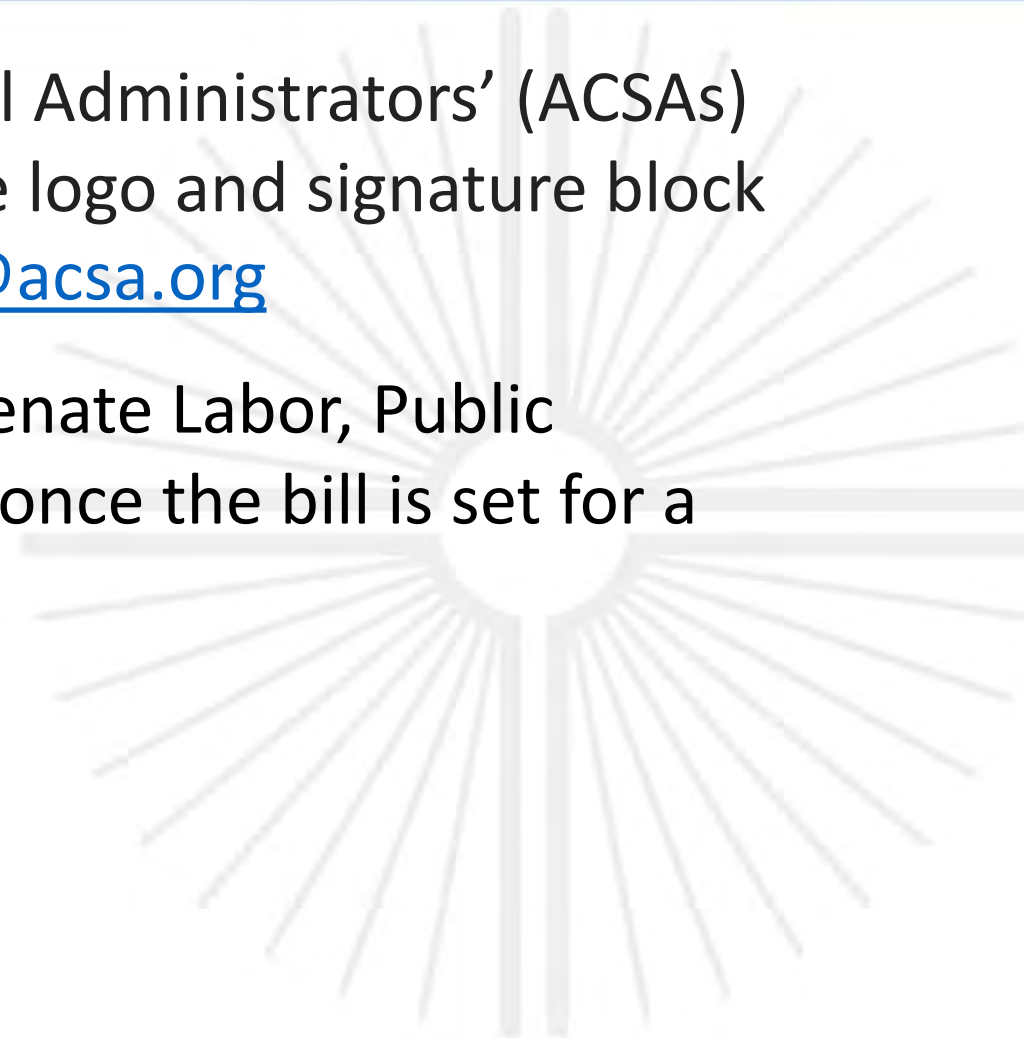
# AB 2088 Coalition Opposition Letter





# Action Requested: AB 2088 (McCarty)

- To join the Association of California School Administrators' (ACSAs) opposition letter, please send your college logo and signature block to [amartinez@ccleague.org](mailto:amartinez@ccleague.org) or [djohnson@acsa.org](mailto:djohnson@acsa.org)
- The opposition letter will be sent to the Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee once the bill is set for a hearing.



## AB 2421 (Low): Employer-employee relations: Confidential Communications

This bill would prohibit most public employers, including a higher education employer or the district, from questioning any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation.

**Location:** Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement and Judiciary

*\*S. L., P.E. & R. hearing was canceled at the request of the author*

**League Position: OPPOSE**

Thank you!

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# Student Trustee Workshop 2024

August 2 – 4  
Burlingame, CA



Registration for the Student Trustee Workshop closes July 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or when space is full. Capacity is limited for this event so register today!



# Government Relations Webinar Schedule

Every third Tuesday of the month

11 a.m. — 12 p.m.

- August 20
- September 17
- October 15

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