



## UC Davis State Government Relations Update March 2017

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### Legislation

Below is a summary on actions taken on some of the bills the University is tracking and supporting along with a listing of bills the University recently started opposing.

#### **Actions on Bills we are Supporting**

**AB 1384 (Weber)** passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill would create clear guidelines for the creation and implementation of evidence-based trauma recovery services for survivors of violent crime and establish a Technical Assistance Provider based on the success of evidence-based practices utilized in the Trauma Recovery Center at San Francisco General Hospital/University of California San Francisco (TRC/UCSF). The University has a Support position on the bill.

**SB 331 (Jackson)** passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill, sponsored by UC, would expand the definition of "domestic violence victim service organization" to include a public or private institution of higher education, thereby expanding the scope of the domestic violence privilege. SGR Legislative Director Jason Murphy joined UC's Title IX Systemwide Coordinator Kathleen Salvaty and UC Davis CARE Director Sarah Meredith in testimony in support of the bill.

**SB 440 (Hertzberg)** passed out of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. The bill, co-sponsored by UC, would reauthorize the California Breast Cancer Research Fund (CBCRF) and the California Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) through January 1, 2025.

## **Actions on Bills we are Tracking**

**AB 15 (Maienschein)** passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to increase Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services to the regional average commercial rates. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 21 (Kalra)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require CSU, CCC, and independent institutions of higher education that are qualifying institutions for purposes of the Cal Grant Program, and requests UC, to the fullest extent consistent with federal law, to refrain from releasing certain information regarding the immigration status of students, faculty, and staff of, or other members of the communities served by these campuses. The University's position on the bill is pending and the University is working with the author on refining certain provisions of the bill. The University is committed to protecting our undocumented student population and providing students, faculty, and staff with the information and resources they need to get through these trying times.

**AB 214 (Weber)** passed out of the Assembly Human Services Committee. The bill states legislative intent to enact legislation to reduce the incidence of hunger and homelessness among college students in California. It also provides definitions of "on-campus food vendors" and "qualifying food facility" for purposes of this provision. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 276 (Medina)** passed out of the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee. The bill would request UC, CSU, CCC and independent institutions of higher education to complete a report that evaluates the current state of cyber security education and training programs, including specified information about those programs, offered at UC, CSU, CCC, and independent institutions of higher education to determine the best method of educating and training college students to meet the current demand for jobs requiring cyber security knowledge and experience. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 370 (Rodriguez)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require the Student Aid Commission to calculate a target for Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards to be paid in an award year, estimate a take rate for awards by dividing the total number of awards paid by the total number of offers made during the 3 award years immediately preceding that award year, and estimate the number of award offers that the commission may make to achieve the target for awards to be paid. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

**AB 461 (Muratsuchi)** passed out of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee. The bill would amend the Revenue & Taxation Code to add the Revised Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan (REPAYE) and Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan (PAYE) programs to the statute that exempts forgiven amounts of certain federal student loans from state income tax. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1312 (Gonzalez)** passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill would prohibit a law enforcement official from discouraging a victim from receiving a medical evidentiary or physical examination and would require a medical provider to also notify the victim about the ramifications of delaying the medical evidentiary or physical examination if a sexual assault counselor cannot be summoned. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1635 (Quirk-Silva)** passed out of the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee. The bill would require all state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions to establish and achieve an annual goal of 25% small business participation in state procurements and contracts, to ensure that the state's procurement and contract processes are administered in order to meet or exceed the goal, and to report to the director statistics regarding small business participation in the agency's procurements and contracts. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 16 (Wieckowski)** passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill would establish a reduced maximum amount of disposable earnings of an individual judgment debtor subject to levy under an earnings withholding order for a judgment based on a claim for debt on a student loan that is not made, insured, or guaranteed by the U.S. Government pursuant to the Federal Family Education Loan Program or the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

**SB 21 (Hill)** passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill would require a law enforcement agency, except in exigent circumstances, to submit to its governing body at a regularly scheduled hearing, a proposed plan for the use of each type of surveillance technology and the information collected, and to submit an amendment to the surveillance plan, pursuant to the same open meeting requirements, for each new type of surveillance technology sought to be used. Requires specified reports, and requires the policy, amendments, and reports to be posted on the agency's Website. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 22 (Hill)** passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill would require a law enforcement agency to adopt a written procedure to account for firearms that are owned, acquired, maintained, sold, loaned, lost, stolen, or in any way possessed by that agency or an employee thereof if used or carried for purposes of official employment duties, and requires that a record of firearms that are lost, stolen, or otherwise disposed of be entered into the Automated Firearms System (AFS). The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 68 (Lara)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would request UC, and require CSU and CCC to exempt a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, from nonresident tuition if the student has three or more years of attendance or credits at California elementary, secondary, or adult schools, CCC campuses, or a combination thereof, and if the student graduates from a California high school or attains the equivalent, attains an associate degree from a CCC campus, or fulfills minimum transfer requirements for UC/CSU for students transferring from CCC campuses. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 201 (Skinner)** passed out of the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill would allow graduate student researchers (GSR's) to unionize. The University does not currently have a position on the bill, but opposed this bill in past years and will continue to work with the author on the bill.

**SB 536 (Pan)** passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill would require the Department of Justice to make information relating to gun violence restraining orders that is maintained in the California Restraining and Protective Order System or any similar database maintained by the department available to researchers affiliated with the Firearm Violence Research Center for academic and policy research. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 601 (Morrell)** failed to pass out of Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill states legislative intent for UC to provide an annual written report to the Legislature on the annual return on investments and asset type for the UC Retirement System for the past 20 years. The University's position on the bill is pending.

#### **Bills UC Started Opposing this Month**

**SB 574 (Lara)** – This bill would modify the Public Contract Code to prohibit UC from entering into a contract for specified services valued at more than \$100,000 if the compensation a bidder provides its employees is more than 5 percent below the average per-employee compensation, including benefits, for UC employees who perform comparable work. The bill is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Education Committee on April 5, 2017.

**AB 387 (Thurmond)** – This bill would expand the definition of employer in statute to include a person who exercises control over the wages, hours, or working conditions of a person engaged in a period of supervised work experience to satisfy requirements for licensure, registration, or certification as an allied health professional, as defined.

**AB 207 (Arambula)** – This bill would amend California's Master Plan for Higher Education Act to authorize California State University (CSU), Fresno, to establish a medical school.

For a complete list of bills the University is tracking please go to the following link; [UC Significant Impact Bills](#)

#### **UC Day**

UC Day was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. UC Day is our biennial advocacy day where alumni and friends of the University gather at the state Capitol and meet with legislators to talk about the budget and legislative priorities of the University. In addition to UC Regents, UC President Janet Napolitano, and UC Chancellors, more than 175 advocates met with legislators, including legislative leadership, asking them to support UC's budget request of \$25 million for an additional 2,500 California undergraduate

students, \$9 million for an additional 900 graduate students and \$35 million in one-time funds for deferred maintenance.

The UC Davis delegation was comprised of Interim Chancellor Hexter, his chief of staff, CAAA Executive Director Rich Engel, Assistant Chancellor Dickinson, ASUCD President Alex Lee, CAAA President Debby Stegura, ASUCD Senator Sam Chiang along with 3 additional student delegates from ASUCD's Office of Advocacy & Student Representation, and the Director of State Government Relations for the campus. The UC Davis delegation had meetings with Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Kiley, Muratsuchi, and McCarty along with Senators McGuire, Pan, Dodd and Allen. The UC Davis delegation also had meetings with the offices of Assembly Members Cooper, Wood and Frazier along with the offices of Senators Gaines and Nielsen.

### **Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates**

- April 6 – Spring Recess for the legislature begins upon adjournment of floor session.
- April 17 – The legislature reconvenes from spring recess.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Grad Research Day
- April 28 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees

### **Questions or Need Assistance?**

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned items or would like assistance in connecting with state legislators and/or their staff, please do not hesitate to contact Adrian Lopez, Director, State Government Relations. He can be reached at [adnlopez@ucdavis.edu](mailto:adnlopez@ucdavis.edu) or by phone at (530) 752-9795.