



UC Davis State Government Relations Update May 2017

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Legislation

Below is a summary on actions taken on some of the bills the University is tracking.

AB 10 (Garcia) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would require public and private institutions of higher education, CSU and CCC, and the governing board of each independent institution of higher education and encourages UC to provide an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products sufficient to meet the needs of female students at each campus in their respective jurisdictions and to ensure that female students have direct access to feminine hygiene products in college bathrooms. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 21 (Kalra) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments. 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.

AB 64 (Bonta) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would require the State Controller to disburse \$10M to a public university or universities in California annually to research and evaluate the implementation and effect of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, and \$2M annually to the UCSD Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research to further the

objectives of the center including the enhanced understanding of the efficacy and adverse effects of marijuana as a pharmacological agent. The University has Support in Concept position on the bill.

AB 217 (Low) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would establish the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

AB 240 (Lackey) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would request UC to establish the California Institute for Aerospace to achieve specified goals relating to the development of the aerospace industry and also request the regents to locate the California Institute for Aerospace at a satellite campus within 20 miles of Edwards Air Force Base or United States Air Force Plant 42 so that it will be in close proximity to a large part of California's current aerospace research and development and provide that it would be implemented only to the extent that UC determine that adequate funding for its purposes has been provided. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 422 (Arambula) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would repeal the sunset and the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Pilot Program and authorize CSU to establish Doctor of Nursing Practice degree programs that offer Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

AB 453 (Limon) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill would require CSU and CCC and encourages UC to designate as a "hunger free campus" each of its respective campuses that meet specified criteria and upon appropriation by the Legislature, commencing with the 2018-19 academic year, provides that each campus that receives the designation shall receive a funding incentive. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 707 (Aguiar-Curry) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would establish in the Natural Resources Agency, the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 848 (McCarty) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill would prohibit UC and CSU from contracting for services with a contractor or subcontractor, where that contract displaces a career employee of UC or CSU, unless the contractor/subcontractor certifies under penalty of perjury in his/her bid that the contract and any subcontract will be performed solely with workers within the United States (U.S.) The bill would prohibit UC and CSU from allocating or expending funds for employment training for contract employees in foreign countries, if that contract displaces a career employee of UC or CSU. The bill would also require a contract to provide, in the event a contractor/subcontractor performs the contract/subcontract with workers outside the U.S. during the life of the contract, for the termination of the contract for noncompliance. The University has a Concern position on the bill.

AB 856 (Levine) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would request UC, and requires CSU and CCC, to consider candidates from underrepresented socioeconomic backgrounds among existing campus staff when filling faculty or athletic coaching positions. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

AB 917 (Arambula) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would require CCC and CSU and encourages UC, before 1/1/19, to adopt, at a regularly scheduled meeting, a policy on student

suicide prevention that specifically addresses the needs of high-risk student groups. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

On Friday, May 26, **AB 917 (Arambula)** was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would require CCC and CSU and encourages UC, before 1/1/19, to adopt, at a regularly scheduled meeting, a policy on student suicide prevention that specifically addresses the needs of high-risk student groups. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

AB 963 (Gipson) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would require the State Controller to disburse \$10M to a public university or universities in California annually to research and evaluate the implementation and effect of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, and \$2M annually to the UCSD Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research to further the objectives of the center including the enhanced understanding of the efficacy and adverse effects of marijuana as a pharmacological agent. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

AB 990 (Rodriguez) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill would require CSU and UC to post on its Internet Web site timely information about the current market cost of a one-bedroom apartment in the areas surrounding that campus where its students commonly reside. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1038 (Bonta) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would establish the 9-member Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Postsecondary Education, and specify its membership and duties. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1435 (Gonzalez) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill would establish the College Athlete Protection Act, until 1/1/23, under the administration of the Athlete Protection Commission, which would be established by the bill, for the protection of college or university athletes participating in intercollegiate athletic programs offered by institutions of higher education located in California. The University has an Oppose position on the bill.

AB 1622 (Low) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would require the CCC and CSU and requests UC to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses to assist students meeting specified requirements, including undocumented students, by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. The University has a Support position on the bill.

AB 1674 (Grayson) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill would request UC, in collaboration with the UC Academic Senate to ensure that implementation of any admissions policy regarding admission of nonresident undergraduate students includes guidance that ensures the academic qualifications for admitted nonresident undergraduate students generally exceeds the academic qualifications of resident undergraduate students, and request UC to report specified information to the Legislature annually regarding implementation of the policy. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

SB 169 (Jackson) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill would require the appropriate governing board/body of each higher education institution that receives state funds for student financial assistance to, as a condition of receiving that financial assistance, comply with certain requirements, based on federal Title IX regulations, including adopting and publishing on its Website grievance procedures for resolution of student sexual harassment complaints, designating at least one employee

to act as a sex equity coordinator, and adopting regulations to, among other things, ensure that implementation of the applicable provisions of the bill at the institution is, to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the federal regulations. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 201 (Skinner) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill would allow graduate student researchers (GSR's) to unionize. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 290 (Jackson) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill would require the Wildlife Health Center at the Davis campus of the University of California to provide grants to qualified organizations, as defined, that respond to marine mammal or sea turtle entanglement or stranding emergencies. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 396 (Lara) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill would request UC to develop and implement a California Medical Residency Training Pilot Program for students who meet requirements for receiving an exemption from nonresident tuition, and exempts related student personal information from the Public Records Act and disclosure outside of the program. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 478 (Portantino) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill would require CCC to (1) identify students who have completed an associate degree for transfer, (2) notify those students of their completion of the degree requirements, (3) automatically award the student with the degree, and (4) add the student to an identification system maintained by the community college campus in a manner that can be accessed electronically by the CSU and UC enrollment systems. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 539 (de Leon) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill would establish the Community College Completion Incentive Grant Program, under the administration of the chancellor, to create guided pathways, defined as comprehensive sets of community college programs and services focused on improving student success. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 727 (Galgiani) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill would authorize public postsecondary educational institutions to adopt policies, consistent with a designated federal regulation, that allow the use of innovative pricing techniques and payment options for textbooks and other instructional materials, and if adopted, requires an opt out provision for students and documented evidence that the proposed options would actually reduce costs. The University's position on the bill is pending.

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

Budget

The Governor's May revision, which came out on May 11th, proposed to augment the University's State General Fund appropriation by 4%, or \$132.1 million. Unfortunately, the Governor also proposed withholding \$50 million from UC's State General Fund appropriation until UC meets conditions related to implementation of certain recommendations made by the California State Auditor due April 2018, completing additional pilot programs on "activity-based costing" and achieving a ratio of at least one entering transfer student for every two entering freshmen at each campus except for at Merced and San

Francisco. When UC submits evidence to the Director of Finance demonstrating it has met these conditions, the \$50 million will be released.

Additionally, the Governor also proposed reducing UC's State General Fund allocation by \$4 million to provide funding for Cal Grants for students who attend private institutions. The University understands the benefit of having access to state-funded financial aid for private college students at nonprofit higher education institutions. However, shifting funds from public higher education institutions to make an expenditure that ultimately provides revenue to private institutions is both unprecedented and inappropriate. The University supports identifying other resources to support these students.

These issues and others are currently being discussed by the Budget Conference Committee. The conferees this year are as follows;

- Senator Holly Mitchell (Chair), D-Los Angeles
- Senator Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens
- Senator Richard Roth, D-Riverside
- Senator Jim Nielsen, R-Gerber
- Senator John Moorlach, R-Costa Mesa
- Assemblymember Phil Ting (C-Chair), D-San Francisco
- Assemblymember Phillip Chen, R-Diamond Bar
- Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, D-Sacramento
- Assemblymember Jay Obernolte, R-Big Bear Lake
- Assemblymember Shirley Weber, D-San Diego

Once the conferees work out the differences the budget will go the Assembly and Senate Floors for further discussion and final votes. The final budget bill must be passed by June 15th.

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- June 2 Last day to pass bills out of house of origin (J.R. 61(a)(8)).
- June 5 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).
- June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).
- July 4 Independence Day.
- July 14 Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(a)(10)).
- July 21 Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51 (a)(3)).

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 or by phone at (530) 752-9795.