



UC Davis State Government Relations Update July 2017

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Legislation

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

AB 461 (Muratsuchi) was sent to the Senate Appropriations suspense file. The bill would add the Revised Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan (REPAYE) and Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan (PAYE) federal loan forgiveness programs to the statute that exempts forgiven amounts of certain federal student loans from state income tax.

HR 35 (Rubio) was adopted by the Assembly. The resolution would resolve that the University of California maintain in-state tuition, scholarships, fellowships, and grants, and support resources for undocumented students, financially support undocumented students who are in good academic standing, and protect all of its students, faculty, and staff, and consider supportive housing options for those who are at risk of being negatively impacted by President Trump's immigration executive orders.

SB 68 (Lara) was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill would allow two years of attending a community college to count toward the three-year requirement for undocumented students to qualify for in-state tuition under AB 540. The University has a Support position on the bill.

SB 307 (Nguyen) was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill would request UC to convene a task force of UC, CSU, and CCC representatives to conduct a study on housing insecurity and homelessness of current postsecondary students and prospective applicants. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

SB 440 (Hertzberg) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill, co-sponsored by UC, would reauthorize the Breast Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution and Cancer Research

Voluntary Tax Contribution Funds through 1/1/25, and requests UC to post award funding and expenditure details on its Website.

AB 990 (Rodriguez) passed off of the Senate 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 has a Watch position on the bill.

SB 331 (Jackson) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill, sponsored by UC, would expand the definition of "domestic violence victim service organization" to include a public/private institution of higher education, thereby expanding the scope of domestic violence privilege.

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

10th Annual Public Higher Education Legislative Advocacy Professionals Conference (PHELAP)

The Offices of Government and Community Relations at California State University, Fullerton and the University of California, Irvine hosted this year's PHELAP conference from July 25–27. Each year, this conference brings together advocacy professionals from throughout the country to explore best practices in legislative advocacy and share valuable resources with one another. 2017 was the first time that California hosted the event and it was also a PHELAP first to have two universities partner to host the conference. This unique set-up provided participants the unique opportunity to visit two different campuses and experience firsthand two of the three public higher education systems in California and learn about what makes them different and what unique challenges they face.

This year's conference themes/topics included;

- Best practices in student advocacy
- How to most effectively utilize social media
- Intersection between advocacy, advancement, and alumni relations
- Management strategies on goal setting, budgets, and resources

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **July 21** Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.
- **Aug. 21** Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- **Sept. 1** Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills to the **Floor**.
- **Sept. 4** Labor Day.
- **Sept. 5-15 Floor session only.** No committee may meet for any purpose.
- **Sept. 8** Last day to **amend** on the Floor.
- **Sept. 15** Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim Recess begins on adjournment.
- **Oct. 15** Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 15 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 15.

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.