



UC Davis State Government Relations Update April 30, 2013

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Hearings and Bills

Policy committees met regularly in the month of April as all bills with a fiscal impact must clear policy committee by May 3rd and non-fiscal bills must get out by May 17th. Below are key highlights:

- **AB 67 (Olsen)** – was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill seeks to add a chapter to the Education Code encouraging the Regents to refrain from increasing undergraduate tuition and mandatory statewide fees for California residents from the amounts charged in the 2012–13 fiscal year in either the 2013–14 or 2014–15 fiscal year if there is at least a 5 percent increase in state budget support for UC over the previous year. Additionally, the same fee restriction is requested in 2015-16 and 2016-17 if there is at least a 4 percent increase in the state budget support over the previous year. SGR Legislative Director Adrian Diaz testified in opposition on the bill.
- **SB 520 (Steinberg)** – The University has issued an “Oppose” position letter on SB 520 (Steinberg). The bill would create a platform upon which the UC, the California State University (CSU), and the California Community Colleges (CCC) would be expected to engage in partnerships with private party online course providers to deliver lower division courses in an online format for academic credit across all three segments.
- **SB 241 (Evans)** – The University has issued a “Support in Concept” position letter on SB 241 (Evans). The bill would impose a 9.9% tax on the gross value of each barrel of oil severed in the state of California. The tax would be administered by the Department of Conservation and require the department to deposit all revenues collected under the tax in the Oil Severance Fund in the State Treasury. Funds in the Oil Severance Fund would be continuously appropriated to the state’s public higher education institutions and state parks. Please see attached position letter.

As always, the full list of impact bills that UC Davis is tracking can be found here:

<http://www.ucop.edu/state/legislation/search.php?results=1&q=&t=all&s=&p=5&l=5>

Governor's Emergency Management Leader Visits UC Davis VMTH

On Tuesday, April 9, the University of California, Davis William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH) welcomed Secretary Mark Ghilarducci, of the California Emergency Management Agency. Secretary Ghilarducci's visit to the VMTH was part of an on-going partnership between the university and the state to address the critical needs of animals in disasters and emergencies.

The Governor's Emergency Management Agency has recognized the need for public safety agencies to have better knowledge and skills regarding the animal-related aspects of responding to disasters and large-scale emergencies. The visit was an opportunity for the VMTH to showcase its high level of care with multiple species in emergency situations and update Ghilarducci on the accomplishments of their unique partnership.

Dr. Madigan, an expert in animal rescue and head of the UC Davis Veterinary Emergency Response Team, is the leader of a program to create training for first responders, emergency managers, shelter operators, animal services, and urban search and rescue teams. The VMTH's abilities as a leader in veterinary medicine form the basis for that academic and research-inspired curriculum for first responders and emergency planners.

Dr. Madigan and Secretary Ghilarducci reviewed the curriculum in place at UC Davis and discussed plans for future trainings and outreach in California and throughout the nation.

Secretary Ghilarducci's tour of the hospital included stops in the Small and Large Animal Emergency Rooms, as well as the Gourley Clinical Teaching Facility, where two separate rooms house 28 fully-equipped small animal and six fully-equipped large animal anesthesia and surgical stations.



Planning for animals in disaster preparedness. Dr. John Madigan and Secretary Ghilarducci tour the teaching hospital on the campus of UC Davis and facility for critical care in a large scale disaster.

Bay Area Council's Annual Sacramento Advocacy Day

On Monday, April 29th the Bay Area Council held its Annual Sacramento Advocacy Day. SGR participated in meetings throughout the day, which were held in the Governor's office with key decision makers, legislators, and opinion leaders. Meetings included discussions with Governor Jerry Brown, his Executive Secretary Nancy McFadden, Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird, Claudia Cappio, Executive Director of the California Housing Finance Agency, Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway, Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Senator Kevin de León, Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Senator Ed Hernandez, O.D. and Controller John Chiang.

Topics of discussion included reform of the California Environmental Quality Act, K-12 schools, higher education, the state budget, funding for transportation and infrastructure, healthcare affordability, international trade and sustainability.

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- May 14th – 16th – UC Regents Advocacy Day
- June 4th – Graduate Research Advocacy Day

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.