



UC Davis State Government Relations Update July 31, 2013

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Legislation

The Legislature is currently adjourned for summer recess, with the Assembly adjourning July 3rd and the Senate on July 12th. The Assembly is scheduled to return on August 5th and the Senate on August 12th. Prior to adjourning, the legislature did act on some pieces of legislation that impact UC, which are as follows:

- SB 11 (Pavley) passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee. The bill would reauthorize the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology and the Air Quality Improvement programs created pursuant to AB 118 (Nunez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007). The funding UC has received from AB 118 programs has provided critical support for advancing the new ideas and innovations needed to achieve California's environmental policy goals.
- AB 13 (Chavez) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would exempt veterans discharged or released from active duty within the immediately prior year from paying nonresident tuition at UC and CSU, regardless of whether they have any direct relationship to the State of California in terms of residency or employment, or the length of time since their separation from the military. The University has a Concern position on the bill.
- AB 314 (Pan) failed to pass out of the Senate Education Committee. Reconsideration was granted and the bill will be heard again when the Senate reconvenes in August. AB 314 would prohibit a lifetime or annual dollar limit on any health benefit for any participant or beneficiary of a health plan directly operated by a public or private college or university that directly provides health care services only to its students, faculty, staff, administration, and their respective dependents. The University has concerns with the bill.

Public Higher Education Legislative Advocacy Professionals (PHELAP) Conference

UC Davis State Government Relations attended the 2013 PHELAP Conference which was hosted by the University of Washington. The conference featured best practices in legislative advocacy and covered such topics as structuring an advocacy program, advocacy software, grassroots advocacy, training volunteers and the role of trustees/regents. 24 institutions were represented at the conference and they shared what worked best on their respective campuses and states. Much of this information was helpful and will be utilized in further developing UC Davis' advocacy efforts at the statewide level.

Assemblywoman Yamada Visits the Oakville Experimental Winery

On July 15th Assemblywoman Yamada and her staff visited the Oakville Experimental Winery. Staff Research Associate Mike Anderson conducted the tour giving the Assemblywoman and her staff a robust presentation on the work done at the winery.

UC Davis is one of the few universities in the world that owns a vineyard in a premium winegrowing region. The Oakville Experimental Vineyard, located in the Napa Valley, provides the Department with 40 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petite Sirah, Syrah, and Zinfandel vines where experiments aimed at improving viticultural practices are conducted. The Oakville site is also home to The Zinfandel Heritage Vineyard, an unusual and unprecedented collection of rare 'old-vine' Zinfandel cuttings from all over California.



Mike Anderson discussing with Assemblywoman Yamada, her staff and UC Davis Government & Community Relations representatives, research on rootstock, clonal interaction and evolution.

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- August 5th – California State Assembly Reconvenes
- August 12th – California State Senate Reconvenes
- September 26-27 – Next UC SGR Face to Face at UC Santa Cruz

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.