



**UC Davis State Government Relations Update
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Organizational Session

On December 5th the 2017-18 Regular Session of the legislature was convened for an organizational meeting where both the Senate and Assembly met to swear in new members. In total, there are 9 new legislators in the 40-member Senate and 22 in the 80-member Assembly.

Others things of note include a record number of Latino legislators and the fewest women in nearly three decades. The "moderate caucus" of business-friendly Democrats also grew its ranks This latter point is important because the Democrats also regained a two-thirds supermajority in both houses of the Legislature. And although on its face this looks significant because it allow Democrats to pass taxes, amend political spending laws, move constitutional amendments to the ballot or enact urgency legislation on a simple majority basis, that has proven elusive of late as liberal and moderate Democrats haven't been able to come to terms on several issues over the last couple years.

Significant Impact Legislation

The legislature wasted no time in introducing legislation for 2017 after members were sworn in. To date we have 153 bills already introduced. Below is a list of bills that have a significant impact on the university.

AB	1	Frazier (D)	Appropriates \$3M to the UC institutes for transportation studies.
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AB	21	Kalra (D)	Adds to the Donahoe Higher Education Act provisions that, commencing with the 2017-18 academic year, requires CSU and CCC and requests UC to the fullest extent consistent with federal law, to: refrain from releasing certain information regarding the immigration status of students and other members of the communities served by these campuses, refuse to allow officers or employees of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enter campuses of their respective segments on official business of that agency unless they provide specified information and at least 10 business days' advance notice, provide stipends for health care for all students who are not eligible for Medicaid and who cannot afford health insurance provided through the institution, offer on-campus housing, or a stipend to cover the cost of off-campus housing, during the periods between academic terms to students who face a significant risk of being unable to return to their respective campuses, as specified.
SB	17	Hernandez (D)	States intent to enact legislation to require that public/private purchasers of health care and health care coverage be given advance notice of price increases for the costs of prescription drugs.
SB	23	Portantino (D)	Extends the UC Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program until January 1, 2025, and increases the birth certificate fee to \$19 and the amount of that fee for allocation to the program fund to \$3.
SB	25	Portantino (D)	Requires the Legislative Analyst to conduct an assessment and make recommendations for an integrated K-14 System, and to consult with UC, CSU, CCC, Department of Education, and Department of Finance to determine the cost of providing free access to CCC and create a plan for the complete integration.
SB	54	De Leon (D)	Enacts the California Values Act, which requires hospitals and public schools to establish and make public policies that limit immigration enforcement on their premises.
SJR	1	Vidak (R)	Urges Congress and the U.S. President to work together to create a comprehensive and workable approach to reform the nation's immigration system.(SJR 2 '16)
SR	7	De Leon (D)	Urges the President-elect to continue President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), which grants "Dreamers", people brought into the country as children by their parents, a temporary reprieve from deportation. (HR 4)

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **Jan. 1** – Statutes take effect.
- **Jan. 4** Legislature reconvenes.
- **Jan. 10** Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor.
- **Jan. 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **Jan. 20** Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel

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.