



**UC Davis State Government Relations Update**  
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**Legislation**

**AB 1653 (Weber)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would encourage each UC campus and requires CSU, CCC, and private postsecondary educational institutions to generate a biennial campus climate report as specified, post it on its Website, and submit it to the Governor, Attorney General, and appropriate legislative policy committees. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1654 (Santiago)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would require the Department of Justice to provide guidance to UC, CSU, CCC, and public/private higher education institutions regarding compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act and Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

**AB 1726 (Bonta)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would request UC to report on admissions and enrollment data for Asian and Pacific Islander students according to categories prescribed in the bill. The bill would require UC to update the report according to categories used by the United States Census Bureau. UC has a support position on the bill.

**AB 1747 (Weber)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would require each public and private postsecondary educational institution that is located in a county that participates in the Restaurant Meals Program to apply to become an approved food vendor for the CalFresh program, if the institution operates any qualifying food facilities on campus, or to provide contracting food vendors with specified information about the program. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

**AB 1778 (Quirk)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would require, commencing 1/1/18, UC, CSU and CCC, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, to conduct annual employee training, in addition to the current required trauma-informed training, on the

employee's obligations in responding to and reporting incidents of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking involving students. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

**AB 1823 (Bonilla)** passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill would provide for establishment of the California Cancer Clinical Trials Program and requests that UC establish or designate an institute or office within the university to administer the program, governed by a board authorized to solicit funds from various specified sources and required to, upon receipt by the program administrator of at least \$500,000, establish a related grant program to increase patient access to eligible cancer clinical trials in underserved or disadvantaged communities and populations. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**AB 1837 (Low)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would establish the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1914 (Bonilla)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would require respective academic senates of campuses of CSU and UC, in collaboration with students and campus administrators, to develop policies regarding required academic materials in order to encourage efforts to reduce redundancy in the delivery of academic materials, including, but not necessarily limited to, textbooks and access codes. The University has an Amend position on the bill.

**AB 2009 (Lopez)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would request UC, and requires CSU and CCC, 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. UC has a support position on the bill.

**AB 2017 (McCarty)** passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill would establish the College Mental Health Services Trust Account, transfer \$40,000,000 annually to that account from funding that would otherwise be allocated to Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Programs, and would continuously appropriate those funds to the department to create a grant program for public community colleges, colleges, and universities to improve access to mental health services on campus. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

**AB 2164 (O'Donnell)** passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would prohibit CCC, CSU and UC from collecting mandatory systemwide tuition and fees from any surviving spouse or surviving child of a deceased person who died as a result of an industrial injury or illness arising out of and in the course of active law enforcement or fire suppression and prevention duties. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

**AB 2222 (Holden)** passed out of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. The bill would establish the Transit Pass Program with moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, upon appropriation, to support transit pass programs that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to specified pupils and students, including UC students who receive Cal Grant awards. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

**AB 2455 (Chiu)** passed out of the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee. The bill would require CSU and CCC, and encourage UC to implement a process and the infrastructure to allow a person who enrolls online at the institution, to submit an affidavit of voter registration electronically on the Secretary of State's Website. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**ACR 158 (Holden)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The resolution would encourage the Academic Senates of the UC, CSU and CCC to expedite their current efforts to streamline the transfer process and ensure that all general education credits can transfer between UC, CSU and CCC systems. The University's position on the resolution is pending.

**SB 773 (Allen)** passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee. The bill would request UC, until January 1, 2020, to conduct a study on motor vehicle registration fraud and failure to register a motor vehicle. The bill would require Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide specified information to UC researchers who are conducting the study; and require DMV to enter into an agreement with UC to share its vehicle registration information for purposes of conducting the study. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 959 (Lara)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would modify the Public Contract Code to prohibit UC from entering into a contract for specified services valued at more than \$100,000 if the compensation a bidder provides its employees is more than 5 percent below the average per-employee compensation, including benefits, for UC employees who perform comparable work. UC is opposed to the bill.

**SB 1214 (Allen)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill, sponsored by UC, would remove the sunset on the University's existing "best value" construction pilot program that is currently active systemwide.

**SB 1359 (Block)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would request UC, and requires CSU/CCC to disclose in the campus course schedule the most accurate retail price information and estimated total costs of required and recommended textbooks and supplemental materials. The University does not currently have a position on the bill and will continue to work with the author on clarifying language.

**SB 1476 (Governance and Finance Committee)** passed out of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee. The bill would extend the sunset dates of the California Breast Cancer Research Fund (CBCRF) and the California Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) for seven years. The University has a Support position on the bill.

The following link provides a complete list of all the bills we are tracking; [UC Significant Impact Legislation](#).

## 2016-17 State Budget

On Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> [SB 826 \(Leno\) Budget Act of 2016](#), the main budget bill, passed both houses of the Legislature. The Governor signed the bill, along with the [higher education trailer bill, AB 1602](#) and other corresponding trailer bills on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of this year's budget are below:

**In the main budget bill UC will receive a State General Fund support appropriation of \$3.312 billion. Within this amount is:**

- \$125 million ongoing base budget adjustment of 4%
- \$51.6 million one-time funds for student support services associated with the admissions plan described in the higher education trailer bill (\$20m); innovation and entrepreneurship funding (\$22m); funds to establish a firearms violence research center, subject to Regents resolution (\$5m); funds to augment faculty diversity efforts (\$2m); funds for administering grants to save stranded mammals (\$2m); funds for the Underground Scholars Program (\$500,000); funds for whale disentanglement (\$100,000). These funds are not redirections from within UC's budget; they are accounted for by an increase to our main general fund support appropriation.

**UC would achieve an \$18.5 million ongoing augmentation in to the State General Fund support appropriation in 2016-17 provided that:**

- UC demonstrates by May 2017 that it will enroll at least 2,500 more resident undergraduates by 2017-18 than enrolled in 2016-17; and
- the university "adopts a policy that specifies a limit on the number of nonresident students enrolled."

**UC will receive other one-time appropriations in the main budget bill (in addition to the \$3.312 billion), either from general fund or special funds. These include:**

- \$171 million of Proposition 2 funds for unfunded liabilities associated with the UCRP. There is no language associated with this funding that would require changes to the retirement plan adopted by the Regents in March of 2016.
- \$35 million for deferred maintenance.
- \$3 million for the Institutes of Transportation Studies.
- \$10 million for Precision Medicine.

**Reporting and other budget-related language.**

- \$4 million for academic preparation (UC Scout) is in the higher education trailer bill.
- Reporting on faculty diversity; budget and policy changes needed to increase baccalaureate degrees by 2030; and outside professional activities, in addition to the sustainability report and compensation reporting from prior years, are in the main budget bill.
- Amending the education code to direct UC to add the NACUBO methodology to the expenditure for instruction report is in the trailer bill.
- Also in the trailer bill is language related to the appropriations for Precision Medicine; enactment of the California Firearms Research Act; UC Scout; and the SB 1050 plan to plan to improve the university's admission, enrollment, and graduation of students who were enrolled in LCFF schools.

**Not in the budget bills.**

- The University did not receive the \$6 million it requested for graduate student enrollment.

- The budget package does not include the \$25 million from Cap and Trade that the Governor proposed for UC because the Legislature and the Governor again agreed to defer action on the Cap and Trade package. It is possible the State will still take action on a Cap and Trade package this year. Funds requested above this amount from Cap and Trade were also excluded from the final budget.

**Also of note:**

- The budget agreement also includes funding of \$100 million for graduate medical education for primary care residency slots, both new and ongoing, administered through OSHPD.
- The budget allocates from a corrections grant program \$1.1 million to UC Merced for public safety equipment.
- The innovation and entrepreneurship funding is subject to AB 2664 (Irwin) being approved.

**Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates**

- **June 15** Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).
- **June 30** Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 8 General Election ballot (Elections Code Section 9040).
- **July 1** Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). **Summer Recess** begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
- **Aug. 1** Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

**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](mailto:adnlopez@ucdavis.edu) or by phone at (530) 752-9795.