



UC Davis State Government Relations Update February 2020

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High Priority Legislation

Sponsored Legislation

SB 461 (Roth) makes students who are eligible for a Cal Grant A or B award eligible to receive a Summer Cal Grant Award. The bill remains in the Assembly Higher Education Committee as a two-year bill.

UC Opposed Bills

ACA 14 (Gonzalez) amends the California Constitution to prohibit UC from entering into contracts for a broad array of support and clinical services that are defined in the measure. The University opposed the measure, and it remains in the Senate as a two-year measure.

SB 493 (Jackson) requires a postsecondary institution that receives state funds to comply with various requirements pertaining to student sexual harassment protections and to provide students with procedural protections relating claims of sexual harassment. The University took an oppose unless amended position on the bill, and the author adopted amendments that largely addressed the University's concerns.

Academic & Student Affairs

AB 1155 (Rodriguez) establishes the Campus-Affiliated Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act, which would require each institution of higher education to include in the institution's requirements for campus recognition of a campus-affiliated sorority or fraternity, a requirement that the sorority or fraternity report on or before July 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, specified information to the

institution and a requirement that the institution suspend the campus recognition of any sorority or fraternity that does not comply with these reporting requirements. The University will be seeking amendments on the bill and is working closely with the author's office along with other segments of higher education. The bill passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on January 23rd and passed off the Assembly Floor on January 30th.

AB 1314 (Medina) enacts the Cal Grant Reform Act, which would revise and recast the provisions establishing and governing the existing Cal Grant programs and the Middle-Class Scholarship Program into a single Cal Grant Program and adds an authorization for summer Cal Grants awards. The bill remains in the Senate Education Committee as a tow-year bill.

AB 1845 (Rivas) creates the Governor's Office to End Homelessness, which would require that the office serve the Governor as the lead entity for ending homelessness in California and would task the office with coordinating the various federal, state, and local departments and agencies that provide housing and services to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

AB 1930 (Medina) requires CSU and requests UC before making any change in student eligibility policy that adds eligibility requirements that impact students across its segment, to coordinate with the other segment to align their respective student eligibility policies and to commission an independent study by a third-party research organization to assess the impact of the change in student eligibility policy on the eligibility rates of the graduates of public secondary schools who are members of underrepresented student groups. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1967 (Rivas) authorizes the establishment and maintenance of the California Computer Science Project as a 10th subject matter project. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2023 (Chiu) requires a UC, CSU or CCC campus to update a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender if the institution receives government-issued documentation from the student demonstrating that the former student's legal name or gender has been changed and requires the institution to reissue specified documents conferred upon, or issued to, the former student with the former student's updated legal name or gender, if requested by the former student. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2176 (Holden) requires transit agencies to offer free student transit passes to persons attending the UC, CSU or CCC; Prohibits the UC, CSU and CCC from charging students for any transit service offered by a transit agency required to provide free student transit passes. The bill was introduced on February 11th.

AB 2282 (McCarty) states legislative intent to enact legislation to remove obstacles to the UC, CSU and CCC coordinating with the State Department of Social Services to provide CalFresh benefits to low-income college students and students who are former foster youth. The bill was introduced on February 14th.

AB 2290 (Kiley) requires a CCC or CSU campus and requests a UC campus to make and disseminate a free speech statement that affirms the importance of, and the campus' commitment to promoting, freedom of expression. The bill has been double referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

AB 2484 (Low) establishes the California Educational Facilities Authority Act and the California Educational Facilities Authority to also provide authority assistance for student housing projects for a participating private college, and to also provide that assistance for educational facilities projects for a participating nonprofit entity. The bill was introduced on February 19th.

AB 2494 (Choi) requests UC Office of the President, in collaboration with the UC Academic Senate, to develop, by 9/1/21, a consistent policy to award military personnel and veterans who have an official Joint Services Transcript course credit similar to the policy developed by the CCC. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2495 (Choi) requires CSU and UC, if the Regents act by resolution, to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and systemwide fees for each entering first-year class at their respective segments. Requires that the tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for California residents in each incoming first-year class would not be increased until at least 6 academic years have elapsed from the date that class commenced its attendance at the segment. Exempts from that 6-year limit the duration of any leave of absence taken by a member of the class in order to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 3249 (Holden) requires UC, CSU, and independent institutions of higher education with more than \$10M in annual income derived from media rights for intercollegiate athletics to establish a Student Athlete Post-Degree Fund and deposit moneys into that fund, with contributions designated for payment on behalf of student athletes participating on one or more intercollegiate athletic teams. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

SB 444 (Umberg) as proposed to be amended would request regents to enact a resolution authorizing UC Berkeley and Irvine law schools to participate in a pilot project to develop artificial intelligence solutions regarding access to justice for pro se indigent (self-represented) litigants. The bill passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on January 21st and passed off the Senate Floor on January 29th. The University will be seeking amendments to the bill.

SB 776 (Skinner) prohibits a postsecondary educational institution from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history on an initial application form or at any time during the admissions process before the institution's final decision on admission. The bill passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on January 21st and off the Senate Floor on January 27th. The University has submitted amendments to the author's office to narrow the scope of the bill to the initial application only.

SB 956 (Jackson) requests UC, through a new or existing research center, to perform a comprehensive assessment of major tax expenditures and present a comprehensive, peer-reviewed assessment to a new California Tax Expenditure Review Board. The bill has been triple referred to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee, the Senate Governmental Organization Committee, and the Senate Education Committee.

SB 1042 (Stern) establishes the CalServe Higher Education Grant Program and Fund, administered by the Student Aid Commission, to award annual grants to eligible students to finance mandatory systemwide tuition and fees not covered by federal, state, or institutionally administered grants or fee waivers. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

Budget & Trailer Bills

AB 1917 (Ting) makes appropriations for the support of state government for the current fiscal year. Budget Act of 2020.

SB 808 (Mitchell) makes appropriations for the support of state government for the current fiscal year. Budget Act of 2020.

Business Operations

AB 516 (Chiu) deletes the authority of a peace officer or public employee to remove or immobilize a vehicle that is known to have been issued five or more notices of parking violations that are delinquent because the owner or person in control of the vehicle has not responded to the appropriate agency within a designated time period. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee as a two-year bill.

AB 1926 (Gonzalez) makes it unlawful for the regents or any other person or entity representing the UC to demand or insist that employees of the university or the exclusive representative of those employees waive the right to petition the government, or the voters pursuant to the initiative power, for redress of grievances as part of a collective bargaining agreement. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

AB 1968 (Ramos) authorizes the owner or operator of any public school or state or local park, library, or museum in this state to adopt a process by which Native American tribes are properly recognized as

traditional stewards of the land on which the school, park, library, or museum is located. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee.

AB 3092 (Wicks) revives claims for damages arising out of a sexual assault or other inappropriate contact, communication, or activity of a sexual nature by a physician practicing at a medical clinic owned and operated by the UC, or a physician with active privileges at a hospital owned and operated by the UC, between specified dates, that would otherwise be barred before 1/1/21, solely because the applicable statute of limitations has or had expired. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

SB 794 (Jackson) among other things, this bill would authorize the University to use enrollment, registration, and personnel records to access the contact information of students and employees for the sole purpose of enrolling students and employees in a public emergency warning system. *The author asked SGR to support this bill by the author and that is still under consideration.*

SB 918 (Senate Governmental Organization Committee) corrects discrepancies in the administrative requirements for the sale of excess wine from the UC Davis Viticulture and Enology program by authorizing a special nonprofit sales license to a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation or a nonprofit public benefit corporation. The bill has been referred to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

SB 1173 (Durazo) imposes liability on a public employer for violations of various labor relations acts, including the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, for noncompliance with requirements to provide specified information to labor representatives and employees, if the violations occur 3 or more times in a 12-month period. The bill was introduced on February 20th.

SB 1344 (Pan) prohibits UC, during or in relation to a labor dispute, from canceling an employee's, dependent's, or other person's health insurance coverage, deeming them ineligible for health insurance coverage, withholding payment of the higher education employer's share of an employee's health insurance premium, or taking any other action that would increase the number of employees who are dependent on Medi-Cal coverage for their health care. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

HR 22 (Gallagher) urges the UC Davis Chancellor, UC President, and the UC Regents to remove a specified UC Davis professor from the classroom and terminate his employment at the University. The resolution remains in the Assembly Higher Education Committee as a two-year measure.

Climate and Research

AB 352 (Garcia) enacts the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,920,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a wildlife

prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. The pending is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

AB 2585 (Chau) states legislative intent to enact legislation to establish the California-China Climate Institute to be located at the University of California at Berkeley. The bill was introduced on February 20th.

AB 3256 (Garcia) states legislative intent to enact a bond measure that would address climate risks to the State of California. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

SB 45 (Allen) would place the California Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, a \$5.5 B general obligation bond, on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election. The measure, last amended on January 23, 2020, prioritizes wildfire prevention and disaster resilience as well as safe drinking water supplies. The measure would appropriate \$15 M to University of California for a Fire Outreach and Extension Program, housed within ANR. The bill passed off the Senate Floor on January 29th. *The Legislature will negotiate this measure against to the Governor's proposed \$4.75 B climate bond.*

SB 1320 (Stern) requires the Office of Planning and Research to develop the California Climate Change Assessment, in coordination with the Natural Resources Agency, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and the Strategic Growth Council, and in consultation with partner public agencies designated by the office. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

SB 1329 (Wilk) establishes the Climate Innovation Grant Program to award grants for the development and research of new innovations and technologies that either reduce emissions of greenhouse gases or address impacts caused by climate change. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

SB 1348 (Stern) includes vegetation management along roadways and driveways and public education outreach regarding home and community wildfire resistance as activities eligible for funding to local agencies under the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's local assistance grant program for fire prevention activities. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

SB 1359 (Rubio) requires the Insurance Commission to convene a stakeholder group to consider the actuarial soundness of residential property insurance rates, taking into consideration current wildfire risks to residential properties and communities. The bill was introduced on February 21st.

Health

AB 890 (Wood) requires the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Board to define minimum standards for a nurse practitioner to transition to practice without the routine presence of a physician and surgeon and would authorize a nurse practitioner who meets certain education, experience, and certification

requirements to perform, in certain settings or organizations, specified functions without standardized procedures, including ordering, performing, and interpreting diagnostic procedures, certifying disability, and prescribing, administering, dispensing, and furnishing controlled. The bill passed out of the Assembly on January 27th and is awaiting referral in the Senate.

AB 1611 (Chiu) prohibits health care service plan contracts or insurance policies from billing enrollees or insureds for covered emergency services from noncontracting hospitals for more than the same cost sharing they pay for the same covered services from contracting hospitals. The bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Health Committee.

AB 2146 (Chiu) requires the State Department of Health Care Services to establish, implement, and maintain the Public University Dental School Intergovernmental Transfer Program, and authorizes public university dental schools to utilize intergovernmental transfers to support the training and dental care that these schools provide to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The Assembly Health Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on March 17th.

AB 2830 (Wood) states legislative intent to establish a system to collect health information related to health care cost, quality, and efficiency by 1/1/22.

SB 56 (Roth) requires UC to construct a new UC Riverside School of Medicine facility upon receipt of an appropriation by the Legislature in the Budget Act or another statute for that purpose. The bill remains in the Assembly Higher Education Committee as a two-year bill.

SB 852 (Pan) requires the State of California to manufacture generic prescription drugs for the purposes of controlling prescription drug costs. This spot bill was introduced on January 13th.

SB 893 (Caballero) creates rebuttable presumptions under workers' compensation that infectious diseases and musculoskeletal injuries that develop or manifest in a hospital employee who provides direct patient care in an acute care hospital arose out of and in the course of that employment. The bill has been referred to the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

Housing

AB 2353 (McCarty) states legislative intent to enact legislation to remove obstacles for UC, CSU and CCC to finance and construct affordable housing units for students. The bill was introduced on February 18th.

SB 1085 (Skinner) grants one incentive or concession, pursuant to the Density Bonus Law, for a project that will contain 20% of units for lower income students in a student housing development. The bill was introduced on February 19th.

Regents

ACA 5 (Quirk-Silva) amends the California Constitution to prohibit the appointment of members of the UC Regents appointed to the board before March 4, 2020, to additional terms after that date. The measure requires Regents appointed on and after March 4, 2020 to serve 4-year terms, with the exception of five positions on the board that would be filled, through appointments by the Governor, faculty, students, and classified employees of the University for 2-year terms. The measure provides that the UC President would be a nonvoting, rather than a voting, ex officio member, and that an appropriation for UCOP be made only pursuant to an item in the annual budget bill relating solely to that office. The measure also requires that compensation for non-faculty in excess of \$200,000 be approved by a public vote of the Regents, and “compensation” would include salary, retirement, and other benefits. The University did not take a position on the measure, which is pending referral to a policy committee.

SB 1162 (Borgeas) is a spot bill relating to the requirement that each UC regent, upon appointment to the board or assumption of the office of regent, receive a copy of provisions relating solely to the University of California which exempts meetings of the regents from the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. The bill was introduced on February 20th.

Research

AB 1703 (Bloom) requires UCLA, CSU Dominguez Hills, and selected CSU campuses serving the Los Angeles Basin to form a neurodiversity and learning collaborative to identify and develop the links between brain research and classroom practice. The bill remains in the Senate Education Committee as a two-year bill.

Upcoming State Government Relations Events, Hearings and Key Dates

March 9 – the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services is scheduled to hold a hearing on “Office of Health Care Affordability,” at 2:30 p.m. in Capitol Room TBD.

March 10 – Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance: Higher Education Access - 9:00 a.m., Capitol, Room 447

March 11 – EVP Dr. Carrie Byington and public health officials briefing to legislators and legislative staff on the coronavirus.

March 12 – The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1 on Education is scheduled to hold a hearing on the UC budget at 9:30 a.m. or upon adjournment of floor session in Capitol, Room 3191.

March 12 – The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services is scheduled to hold a hearing on budget items at 9:30 a.m. in Capitol Room 4203.

March 17 – Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance: California Student Aid Commission Budget, 9:00 a.m., Capitol, Room 447

April 1 – Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance: UC Hastings College of the Law Budget - 4:00 p.m., Capitol, Room 126

April 2 – Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.

April 13 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.

April 16 – The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1 on Education is scheduled to hold a hearing on the California Student Aid Commission and Hastings College of the Law budgets at 9:30 a.m. or upon adjournment of floor session, in Capitol, Room 3191.

April 21 – The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance is scheduled for a hearing on the University of California budget, at 9:00 a.m. in Capitol, Room 447.

April 24 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.

May 1 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.

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.