UC Davis State Government Relations Update
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Actions on UC Tracked Bills

AB 1790 (Salas) passed out of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. The bill would establish the Valley Fever Education, Early Diagnosis, and Treatment Act. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1998 (Rodriguez) passed out of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. The bill require every health care practitioner authorized to prescribe opioids classified as Schedule II and Schedule III to adopt a safe prescribing protocol. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 2166 (Caballero) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require the Department of Food and Agriculture to encourage CCC, CSU, UC, and state and county fairgrounds to establish and maintain smart farms on the respective campuses or fairgrounds to provide regional agricultural businesses the opportunity show up-to-date agricultural technology in real world practice. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 2202 (Gray) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would appropriate an unspecified sum of moneys from the General Fund to UC for the creation, construction, and establishment of a branch campus of the UCSF, School of Medicine in partnership with the UC Merced, and UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 2248 (McCarty) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require the Student Aid Commission to notify in writing a Cal Grant award recipient that, if he or she takes less than 15 semester units or the equivalent per semester or the equivalent or less than 30 semester units or the equivalent per academic year, he or she will not graduate in 4 years. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 2255 (Lackey) passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill would impose a fine of $500 for the first violation and a fine that is incrementally increased by $50 for each subsequent violation of the shipping manifest and delivery request requirements pursuant to the Medicinal and
Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), and requires these fine amounts to be deposited into the Cannabis Fines and Penalties Account. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 2470 (Grayson)** passed out of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. The bill would establish the Invasive Species Council of California. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 2479 (Voepel)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require CSU and, as a condition of receipt of funds appropriated for purposes of the bill’s provisions, UC to each select a campus of their respective system to establish, commencing with the 2020-21 academic year, a pilot program for participating students to enter into an income share agreement with the campus. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 2597 (Arambula)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would appropriate $9.35M from the General Fund to UC to support Programs in Medical Education (PRIME). The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 2747 (Holden)** passed out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The bill would add to the Student Athlete Bill of Rights a provision authorizing institutions of higher education to establish a degree completion fund. SGR Legislative Director Tyler Aguilar testified that the University’s position is pending on the amended version of the bill and the University will work with the author as the bill moves forward.

**AB 2771 (Eggman)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would enact the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018 to authorize the issuance of $7B in state GO bonds for the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of facilities at UC, UC Hastings, and CSU. SGR Legislative Director Jason Murphy testified that the University has significant facilities needs and is appreciative of the author’s efforts to secure additional resources for the University.

**AB 2819 (Holden)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would request UC to conduct a biannual study on the racial and ethnic diversity of boards of directors and employees of California high technology companies, and to post a report of the study on its website. SGR Legislative Director Jason Murphy testified that the University’s position on the bill is pending and the University is working with the author on the bill.

**AB 2836 (Gloria)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require UC to establish and support a systemwide Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Implementation and Oversight Committee and requires UC to adopt and implement certain policies, procedures, and guidelines to better implement the federal act and to timely submit the policies, procedures, and guidelines to the Native American Heritage Commission. The University has concerns with the bill and will continue to work with the author.

**AB 2894 (Gloria)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on consent. The bill would provide that when an enrolled or previously enrolled student of any of the 5 segments of postsecondary education is called to active military duty during an academic term, the student may: choose to withdraw retroactively to the beginning of the term if at least 75% of the term has been completed, choose to request that faculty assign a grade for the course based on the work completed, or - if faculty assigns a grade of Incomplete - the student has a minimum of 2 weeks after returning to complete the course requirements. The University’s position on the bill is pending.
AB 3153 (Levine) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would extend Cal Grants to summer session. SGR Legislative Director Tyler Aguilar testified that the University is in support of the bill.

AB 3255 (Hi Ed Cmte) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on consent. The bill is the higher education omnibus bill. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 1163 (Galgiani) passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill would require a postmortem examination or autopsy on an unidentified body or human remains to only be conducted by an attending physician and surgeon or chief medical examiner who is a board-certified forensic pathologist. Requires various other autopsy procedures to be handled by an attending physician and surgeon. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 1219 (Gaines) failed to pass out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill would repeal the California Values Act which limits the involvement of law enforcement in federal immigration enforcement, and allows law enforcement to voluntarily cooperate with immigration officials by detaining an individual on the basis of an immigration hold under specified circumstances. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 1238 (Roth) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill would require certain health care providers, when creating new patient records, to provide patients with a statement regarding their rights and the retention period, and to notify them at least 60 days before destroying their records and requires providers to provide patients with their original medical records that are scheduled to be destroyed, upon patient request prior to the date of the destruction of the records. The University has a Cost position on the bill.

SB 1381 (Nielsen) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill would enact the Campus Free Expression Act, which declares that outdoor areas of public postsecondary educational institutions are traditional public forums, and allows these institutions to maintain and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions if narrowly tailored in service of a significant institutional interest, employ clear, published, content/viewpoint-neutral criteria, and provide for ample alternative means of expression. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

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

- **May 11** – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house
- **May 18** – Last day policy committees to meet prior to June 4
- **May 25** – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house
- **May 25** – Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 4
**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.