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Legislation

Below are recent actions taken by the Legislature on bills that the University is tracking;

**AB 4 (Bonta)** passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal to individuals of all ages, if otherwise eligible, but for their immigration status, and requires collaboration with counties and designated public hospitals to maximize federal financial participation and to mitigate financial losses related to implementation. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 59 (Kalra)** passed out of the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. The bill would require local elections officials to request the use of UC campuses as vote centers and satellite offices and encourages UC to comply with these requests. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 456 (Chiu)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would remove the sunset, therefore making a claim resolution process applicable to any claim by a contractor in connection with a public works project against a public entity operative indefinitely. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 409 (Limon)** was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill would require the Strategic Growth Council to establish and administer a competitive grant program to provide funding for activities that include development of specified planning tools, to be available in the public domain, for adapting to climate change in the agricultural sector, conducting specified pilot projects in the central valley, central coast, and desert regions of the state, and holding trainings for technical assistance providers on how to use the specified planning tools. The University’s position on the bill is pending.
AB 521 (Berman) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require the UC Firearm Violence Research Center to develop multifaceted education and training programs for medical and mental health providers on the prevention of firearm-related injury and death. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 537 (Wood) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill requires a Medi-Cal managed care plan to meet a minimum performance level that improves the quality of health care and reduces health disparities for enrollees. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 538 (Berman) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill relates to sexual assault forensic examinations and reporting. Includes in the definition of "qualified health care professional" a currently licensed nurse practitioner or a physician assistant who is working in consultation with a physician and surgeon and who conducts examinations or provides treatment in a general acute care hospital or in a physician and surgeon’s office. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 565 (Maienschein) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would define "practice setting" under the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program to include a program or facility operated by, or contracted to, a county mental health plan, and requires the program’s selection committee to award 20% of the available scholarships to applicants who will practice specialties outside of a primary specialty. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 630 (Low) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would amend the Clinical Social Worker Practice Act to remove the exemption for graduate students and social work interns working in a recognized training program from the provisions otherwise pertaining to clinical social workers. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 710 (Cervantes) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require institutions in the CCC, CSU and UC systems, independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions to each calculate and include at a minimum, specified items, including room and board, in a calculation of a full-time student’s cost of attendance at that institution. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 714 (Wood) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would make provision to offer a patient a prescription for the complete or partial reversal of opioid depression applicable only to a patient receiving a prescription for an opioid or benzodiazepine medication and makes the provisions specific to opioid-induced respiratory depression, opioid overdoses, opioid use disorder, and opioid overdose prevention. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 751 (O’Donnell) was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve a nationally recognized high school assessment that a local educational agency, may, at its own discretion, administer, if the alternative assessment is approved by the local educational agency's governing board or body in a public meeting, commencing with the 2021-22 school year, and each school year thereafter, in lieu of the consortium
summative assessment in English language arts and mathematics for grade 11. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 829 (Bloom)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would authorize CSU to establish Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree programs to focus on preparing occupational therapists to provide health care services. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 916 (Muratsuchi)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to include community college, 4-year college, and university undergraduate and graduate students in its suicide prevention, education, and gatekeeper program. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 922 (Burke)** passed out of the Assembly Health Committee with amendments. The bill would require individuals who provide human oocytes for research to be compensated for their time, discomfort, and inconvenience in the same manner as other research subjects. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1004 (McCarty)** passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would require screening services provided as an EPSDT benefit include developmental screening services for individuals zero to 3 years of age. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1037 (Gipson)** AB 1037 would expand the state licensing exemption to include any clinic operated by a nonprofit corporation that provides health care services within six miles of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (MLKCH), is located in LA County Service Planning Area 6, serves the indigent and uninsured, and participates in a graduate medical education program administered by MLKCH. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1105 (Gipson)** passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would require the State Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Care Services, to establish a 3-year sickle cell disease center pilot program that would utilize a competitive grant program to establish five sickle cell disease centers as special care centers. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1175 (Wood)** passed out of the Assembly Health Committee with amendments. The bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to require that the MOU include a referral protocol between the county mental health plan and the Medi-Cal managed health care plan that tracks the number of referrals for service from one plan to the other plan. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1229 (Wicks)** passed out of the Assembly Human Services Committee. The bill would enact the End Foster Youth Student Hunger in California Act of 2019 which establishes the Transition Age Foster Youth Meal Plan Program, to be administered by the California Student Aid Commission, pursuant to which an eligible transition-age foster youth studying for a higher education degree at a public postsecondary educational institution would receive an award equal to the amount of the cost of a meal plan that
would cover 10 meals per week and the cost of all campus fees. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1494 (Aguiar-Curry) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would provide, contingent upon federal financial participation, that neither face-to-face contact nor a patient’s physical presence at an enrolled community clinic, is required for services provided by the clinic to a Medi-Cal beneficiary during or immediately following a state of emergency, and establishes a stakeholder process to develop guidance for enrolled fee-for-service Medi-Cal providers, clinics, or facilities to facilitate reimbursement. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1518 (Chu) passed out of the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee. The bill would authorize a student athlete to enter into a contract with an athlete agent without losing their status as a student athlete, if the contract complies with the policy of the student athlete’s educational institution and the bylaws of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1532 (Bauer-Kahan) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would expand requirements for obtaining a food handler card after completing a training course and examination to food handlers who are employed by a retail food facility or organized camp that is subject to the California Retail Food Code, including public and private school cafeterias. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1571 (Kiley) failed to pass out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill would require CCC and CSU and requests UC campuses to make and disseminate free speech statements that affirms the importance of, and commitment to promoting, freedom of expression. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1573 (Holden) passed out of the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee. The bill adds to the Student Athlete Bill of Rights (1) provisions authorizing institutions of higher education to establish a degree completion fund, (2) provisions requiring institutions of higher education to prepare detailing specified rights of student athletes and contact information for filing complaints under the Student Athlete Bill of Rights, and (3) provisions prohibiting institutions of higher education from intentionally retaliating, as defined, against a student athlete for making a complaint in good faith, or for reporting, in good faith, a violation of the student athlete's rights granted under any applicable statute, regulation, or policy. SGR Legislative Director Tyler Aguilar testified that the University does not currently have a position on the bill and will continue to work with the author.

AB 1592 (Bonta) passed out of the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee. The bill would enact the Athletic Training Practice Act. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1642 (Wood) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee with amendments. The bill would require the information compiled by the external quality review organization to include the extent to which each Medi-Cal managed care plan uses clinically appropriate telecommunications technology to meet established time and distance standards. The University’s position on the bill is pending.
AB 1662 (Ramos) passed out of the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee. The bill would require the UC NAGPRA Committee to include three voting members from a tribe located in California that is an Indian tribe under the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1689 (McCarty) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would amend Proposition 63 by appropriating $20 million annually from the administrative account of the Mental Health Services Fund to UC ($5M), CSU ($5M) and CCC ($10) to implement the College Mental Health Services Program and require the governing boards to create a grant program for public community college, college, and university campuses for the purpose of establishing or improving access to mental health services on those campuses. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1723 (Wood) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would increase the number of hours the specified clinics are authorized to be open to not more than 40 hours per week. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 1763 (Chiu) passed out of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. The bill would expand the provision of density bonuses and incentives or concessions for the construction a housing development in which 100% of the total units are for lower income households. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 142 (Wiener) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill relates to employee lactation accommodations, and requires an employer to maintain records of accommodation requests for 3 years with access to such records given to the Labor Commission. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 150 (Beall) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would remove Chafee grant eligibility upon failure to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress for 2 consecutive years with options for reinstatement through appeal and for reenrollment to regain eligibility, and limits the duration of the award to 5 years which would not be required to be consecutive. It also would require CCC and CSU and request UC to provide all Chafee grant recipients with information regarding available support services on campus and the process for completing an educational plan. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 500 (Morrell) passed out of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill would establish an education assistance program to provide housing and tuition assistance to disabled veterans attending graduate school in California, and to provide a housing allowance to a disabled veteran in a graduate internship or fellowship program. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 542 (Stern) passed out of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill would qualify a mental health condition or disability diagnosed as post-traumatic stress or mental health disorder as an injury under workers' compensation for certain state and local firefighting personnel and peace officers. The University’s position on the bill is pending.
SB 568 (Portantino) passed out of the Senate Education Committee with amendments. The bill would establish the College-Focused Rapid Rehousing Program, which allows UC, CSU, and CCC to provide housing options and services for homeless students. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 660 (Pan) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would require CSU and CCC to have one full-time equivalent mental health licensed counselor per 1,500 students enrolled. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 778 (Sen Labor) passed out of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill would require an employer with 5 or more employees to provide sexual harassment training and education by 1/1/21, and thereafter once every 2 years. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SJR 5 (Beall) was adopted by the Senate Transportation Committee. The bill would urge the U.S. Congress and President to expeditiously provide all federal resources promised to California and other states, including the $2.6 billion in transit Capital Investment Program grant funds appropriated in 2018, and to enact federal legislation necessary to restore road and freight infrastructure, address traffic congestion, and increase investment in public transportation. The University’s position on the resolution is pending.

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

- **Apr. 11** Spring Recess begins upon adjournment
- **Apr. 22** Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess
- **Apr. 26** Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees 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.