



UC Davis State Government Relations Update August 2020

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Legislation

August 31st was the last day for each house of the State Legislature to pass bills. Below is a summary of actions taken on UC tracked legislation. The Governor now has until the end of September to sign or veto legislation that reached his desk.

AB 275 (Ramos) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill requires every state agency and requests UC to designate one or more liaisons for the purpose of engaging in consultation with California Native American tribes. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 685 (Reyes) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requires a public employer to provide specified notifications to its employees, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and the State Department of Public Health regarding the exposure of its employees to COVID-19 that the employer knew of or should have reasonably known of. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

AB 890 (Wood) passed off of the Senate Floor and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments. The bill expands the scope of practice for nurse practitioners and establishes the Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee. The University has a support position on the bill.

AB 1845 (Rivas) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill creates the Office to End Homelessness, and requires it to oversee and carry out mandates of the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council whose membership includes UC. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1867 (Assembly Budget Committee) passed off of the Senate Floor and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments. The bill establishes COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for covered workers, including certain persons employed by private businesses of 500 or more employees or persons

employed as certain types of health care providers or emergency responders by public or private entities.

The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on **AB 2114 (Rodriguez)**. The bill allows medical trainees (residents) to seek arbitration over disciplinary decisions. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

AB 2213 (Limon) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill authorizes a governing body of a postsecondary institution that receives state funds, including student financial assistance funds, to use its enrollment, registration, and personnel records to access contact information of students and employees for the sole purpose of enrolling them in a university- or college-operated public emergency warning system, and to provide notification of the ability to opt out, operative contingent upon enactment of AB 2730. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 2273 (Bloom) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill authorizes the holder of a special faculty permit, a visiting fellow, and a holder of a certificate of registration to practice medicine at approved academic medical centers and expands the definition of "academically eminent" to include persons who hold or have been offered a full-time position at an approved academic medical center approved by the Division of Licensing or person who have been offered a full-time position by the chief medical officer of an approved academic medical center. The University has a support position on the bill.

AB 2537 (Rodriguez) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill requires employers of workers in a general acute care hospital to supply those employees who provide direct patient care or services that directly support personal care with personal protective equipment (PPE) in compliance with Department of Industrial Relations regulations, ensure that the PPE is used, maintain a 3-month normal consumption supply, and provide an inventory of its stockpile and copy of its written procedures to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health upon request. The University's position on the bill is pending.

The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on **AB 3092 (Wicks)**. The bill revives claims for damages arising from a sexual assault or other inappropriate contact, communication, or activity of a sexual nature by a physician while employed by a UCLA medical clinic or who held active privileges at a UCLA hospital, at the time the incident occurred, as specified, that would otherwise be barred due to expiration of the statute of limitations, and authorizes a pending cause of action to proceed, as specified. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 115 (Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee) passed off of the Assembly Floor and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments. The bill amends the Budget Act of 2019 and the Budget Act of 2020 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation, and making other changes.

SB 275 (Pan) passed off of the Assembly Floor and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments. The bill requires health care employers to maintain an inventory of new, unexpired personal protective

equipment (PPE) for use in the event of a declared state of emergency, with an inventory to be at least sufficient for 45 days of surge consumption. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 406 (Pan) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill extends the operation of UC CHBRP and authorizes the continued assessment of the annual charge on health care service plans and health insurers for that purpose through July 1, 2022. The University has a support position on the bill.

SB 493 (Jackson) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires, except as specified, a postsecondary institution that receives any state financial assistance to comply with requirements to protect students and provide them with procedural protections relating to complaints of sexual harassment. The University has a support position on the bill.

SB 776 (Skinner) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill makes every incident involving police use of force to make a member of the public comply with an officer, force that is unreasonable, or excessive force subject to Public Records Act disclosure, and requires departments or agencies to request and review a file of any investigations of misconduct prior to hiring a peace officer. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

SB 820 (Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee) passed off of the Assembly Floor and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments. The bill, education finance budget trailer, requires UC to certify that new capital expenditures or capital outlay projects financed with state funds use only University employees to perform service functions. It requires UC cash management of reduced debt service costs to support underrepresented student programs and services and avoid employee layoffs, furloughs, or reductions-in-time and extends the implementation deadline for UC systemwide policies on Native American human remains and cultural items to 1/1/21. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

SB 852 (Pan) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill enacts the California Affordable Drug Manufacturing Act of 2020. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 918 (Senate GO Cmte) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill 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 University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 980 (Umberg) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act to require a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company or any other company that collects, uses, maintains, or discloses genetic data collected or derived from a direct-to-consumer genetic testing product or service, or provided directly by a consumer seeking certain information on the company's related policies and procedures, and to obtain a consumer's express consent for such use. The University has a support position on the bill.

SB 995 (Atkins) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill extends the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 to 1/1/24 and additionally include housing development projects, as defined, meeting certain conditions as projects eligible for certification. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1159 (Hill) passed off of the Assembly Floor and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments. The bill creates a disputable presumption that an injury defined for an employee to include illness or death resulting from COVID-19, under specified circumstances until 1/1/24, arose out of and in the course of employment and is compensable for specified dates of injury. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1173 (Durazo) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill authorizes an exclusive representative to file an unfair labor practice charge with the Public Employment Relations Board alleging a violation 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. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1237 (Dodd) passed off of the Assembly Floor and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments. The bill allows certified nurse-midwives to practice with a physician under mutually agreed-upon policies and protocols. The University has a support position on the bill.

The Senate concurred in Assembly amendments on **SB 1320 (Stern)**. The bill requires the Office of Planning and Research, through the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, to develop the California Climate Change Assessment, in coordination with the Natural Resources Agency, Energy Commission, and Strategic Growth Council, and in consultation with designated partner public agencies, to be conducted no less frequently than every 5 years. The University's position on the bill is pending.

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

Nov. 3 General Election

Dec. 7 Convening of 2021-22 Legislative Session

Jan. 1 Statutes take effect

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 of State Government Relations. He can be reached at adnlopez@ucdavis.edu or by phone at (530) 752-9795.