

UC Davis State Government Relations Update July 2020

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Legislation

AB 1930 (Medina) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill requires CSU and requests UC before making any change in undergraduate student eligibility policy that adds eligibility requirements that impact students across its segment, to engage in discussions with and coordinate with other educational segments that will be impacted by the policy in order to understand the impacts of the policy and try to align their respective student eligibility policies. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 2416 (Gabriel) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill requires that homelessness be allowed as an extenuating circumstance when determining a student's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) for financial aid eligibility. The University has a support position on the bill.

SB 275 (Pan) passed out of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee. The bill enacts the Health Care and Essential Workers Protection Act to establish a personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpile to ensure an adequate PPE supply for health care and essential workers. The University's position on the bill is pending.

The University has issued a support letter on **SB 793 (Hill)**. The bill would generally prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products in the State of California. According to the CDC, tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States. Assembly Health Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on August 4, 2020.

The University has issued a support letter on **SB 794 (Jackson)**. The bill authorizes the University to access student and employee contact information for the sole purpose of enrolling them in an emergency warning system. The Assembly Governmental Organization Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on August 3, 2020.

SB 795 (Beall) passed out of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. The bill allocates \$92 million to establish the Community Economic Development Program to award moneys to eligible entities, including UC, CSU, and CCC to develop on- or off-campus housing for students, faculty, and school employees, and allocates \$200 million to establish the Climate, Sea Level, and Natural Disaster Program to award moneys to eligible entities, including UC, CSU, and CCC, for efforts to protect communities affected by climate change, including, but not limited to, sea level rise, wildfires, and flood protection. The University's position on the bill is pending.

The University has issued a support letter on **SB 758 (Portantino)**. The bill extends the deadline for the 2030 seismic mandate to 2037 and creates a stakeholder advisory committee to examine how California's health care delivery systems prepare for and respond to disasters of all kinds. The Assembly Health Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on August 4, 2020.

The University has issued a support letter on **SB 980 (Umberg)**. The bill establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act, a legal framework to regulate the collection, use, maintenance, and disclosure of genetic data collected or derived from a direct-to-consumer (DTC) genetic testing product or service, including enhanced notice and opt-in consent requirements.

The University has issued an oppose letter on **SB 977 (Monning)**. The bill requires a health care system to provide written notice to, and obtain the written consent of, the Attorney General prior to a change of control or an acquisition with a health care facility or provider for transactions valued over \$500,000. The Assembly Health Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on August 4, 2020.

PPIC Report on College Plans during COVID-19

The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) released a report on "College Plans during COVID-19" on July 29th. The PPIC notes that "in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities across the nation are deciding how best to provide instruction (and housing) for the fall 2020 term. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, more than 600 colleges across the country are planning for an inperson approach, with most students living on or near campus and instruction offered mostly in-person. Just under 600 colleges are planning on an online or hybrid approach." The report is available here.

Legislative Economic Stimulus Plan

Assemblyman Phil Ting released a press release on Monday July 27th detailing a legislative economic stimulus plan. Assemblyman Ting highlighted in his press release that "key working groups from both houses of the California State Legislature are prioritizing economic recovery in the final weeks of session

and have developed a joint \$100 billion stimulus plan, building upon the successful collaboration that led to a balanced state budget addressing the \$54 billion deficit."

<u>Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates</u>

- **July 27** Legislature reconvenes from summer recess.
- **Aug. 14** Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills in the Assembly. On the Senate side the deadline is August 15th.
- Aug. 21 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
- **Aug. 24** Last day to amend bills on the floor in the Assembly. In the Senate the deadline is August 26th.
- **Aug. 24-31** Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committee.
- Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills. Final Recess begins upon adjournment.

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.