



UC Davis State Government Relations Update June 2020

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2020-21 California State Budget

The Governor signed [SB 74](#) and [AB 89](#), which together make up the Budget Act of 2020, on Monday June 29th. You can view the Department of Finance's Budget Summary [here](#). The Governor only provided one line item veto, and it pertained to UC. The Governor vetoed the legislature's reversion of the 2019-20 \$15 million for UC Extension degree completion efforts. These funds will now be available in 2020-21.

The Governor also signed the following budget trailer bills;

[SB 116](#) – Higher Education

[AB 80](#) – Public Health

[AB 78](#) – Climate Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund

University of California 2020-21 Budget

The 2020-21 budget package includes \$3.466 billion for the University of California, of which \$3.462 billion is ongoing funding and \$3.7 million is one-time. The budget bill package provides the University with an ongoing funding decrease of \$260.8 million (-7%) from the Budget Act of 2019 at the start of the 2020-21 fiscal year. The budget package also provides the possibility that the UC budget will be increased 5% above the 2019-20 State General Fund level if sufficient federal funds are received by October 15.

Campuses: The 2020-21 budget package **reduces** the UC campuses budgets by **\$257.6 million** (-7.6%) on July 1, 2020. If sufficient federal funds are provided to California by October 15, campus budget would be **increased** by **\$170.8 million** (5.1%).

UCOP: The 2020-21 budget package reduces the UCOP budget by **\$43.2 million** (-12.7%) on July 1, 2020. If sufficient federal funds are provided to California by October 15, UCOP budget would be held flat from 2019-20.

UC Medical Education Funding:

These funds are in the UC budget and will be retained regardless of the federal trigger funding outcome.

1. Increase of \$25 million ongoing for UC Riverside School of Medicine
2. Increase of \$15 million ongoing for UCSF Fresno branch campus and UC Merced medical education partnership
3. Increase of \$3.7 million one-time for Prop 56 GME top-off (to bring total to \$40 million)

Other Budget Act Items for University of California:

1. One-time federal funding increase of \$6 million for California Subject Matter Project
2. Continues the \$4 million for summer financial aid that the May Revise had proposed to eliminate (this amount is included in the ongoing base budget figure above)
3. One-time \$5 million allocation for animal shelter grants at UC Davis if private fundraising doesn't provide the funding by April 1, 2021.
4. Redirection of \$21.6 million from unspent deferred maintenance funding to support undergraduate instruction and student support services.
5. Reporting language on the impact of any budget reductions on underrepresented and vulnerable student populations.
6. Budget bill intent language directing the University to utilize unrestricted reserves to mitigate for the impact of State General Fund reductions.

Funding for UC Through Other State Agencies:

1. \$200K through the Department of Real Estate for a real estate research project
2. \$461K to the University of California Natural Reserve System as a matching grant through the Wildlife Conservation Board
3. \$3.41 million for the California Subject Matter Projects through the Department of Education
4. \$1.984 million for UC and community colleges for the Puente Project through the California Community Colleges
5. Unspecified amount through the California Department of Food and Agriculture for UC to operate poultry and livestock disease laboratories.
6. UC is also eligible for a portion of the \$33 million in Song-Brown medical residency funding included in this budget package.

Legislation

AB 88 (Assembly Budget Committee) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill prohibits a postsecondary educational institution in this state 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 relative to the prospective student's application for admission.

AB 1845 (Rivas) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill creates the 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 University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1930 (Medina) passed off the Assembly Floor. 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 2114 (Rodriguez) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires a higher education employer to provide a procedure for all medical and dental interns and residents, persons in accredited resident physician subspecialty programs, and other post-medical doctor degree trainees in unaccredited programs to challenge a termination of employment or a disciplinary action by the employer, as provided. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

AB 2164 (Rivas) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill provides that an FQHC or RHC "visit" includes an encounter between an FQHC or RHC patient and a health care provider using telehealth by synchronous real time or asynchronous store and forward. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 2273 (Bloom) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill authorizes the holder of a special faculty permit 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 2416 (Gabriel) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires that determinations of "satisfactory academic progress" by the institutions participating in specified student aid programs consider homelessness within the meaning of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as an extenuating circumstance for students who are otherwise unable to meet the requirements deemed to constitute "satisfactory academic progress" at the institutions, and that extenuating circumstance may be considered by the institutions to alter or excuse compliance with those progress requirements. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 2830 (Wood) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill establishes the Health Care Payments Data Program and System, and authorizes controlled access to its nonpublic data by outside data analysts, researchers, and other qualified applicants, including UC, if the data and requesters meet specified criteria. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 2936 (Wicks) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires the Attorney General to establish a classification for sponsoring organizations that maintain one or more donor-advised funds. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 3092 (Wicks) passed off the Assembly Floor. 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.

AB 3096 (Chiu) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill authorizes an employee organization to bring a claim before the Public Employment Relations Board alleging that UC violated existing law that prohibits a public employer from deterring or discouraging public employees or applicants to be public employees from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

ACA 5 (Weber) was adopted by the Senate. The measure repeals provisions enacted pursuant to Proposition 209 in 1996 and makes a statement of legislative findings in this regard. The University has a support position on the measure.

SB 300 (Umberg) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill calls a special election in consolidation with the November 3, 2020 statewide general election to submit ACAs 4, 5, 6, 11, and 25 to the voters, if passed by the Legislature on or before July 1, 2020.

SB 793 (Hill) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill prohibits a tobacco retailer from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 795 (Beall) passed off the Senate Floor. 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 effected by climate change, including, but not limited to, sea level rise, wildfires, and flood protection. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 852 (Pan) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill enacts the California Affordable Drug Manufacturing Act of 2020, which establishes the Office of Drug Contracting and Manufacturing to produce and increase patient access to affordable drugs. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 956 (Jackson) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill 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 University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 977 (Monning) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requires a health care system to provide written notice to, and obtain the written consent of, the Attorney General prior to acquiring or affiliating with a health care facility or provider for transactions valued over \$500,000. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 980 (Umberg) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act to prohibit a direct-to-consumer genetic or illness testing services company from disclosing a person's genetic information to a third party without obtaining their prior written consent. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1159 (Hill) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill, for workers' compensation purposes, defines "injury" for an employee to include illness or death resulting from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) under specified circumstances. Creates a disputable presumption that an injury that develops or manifests itself while an employee is employed arose out of and in the course of the employment. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1173 (Durazo) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill authorizes an exclusive representative to file a charge of an unfair labor practice 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 the Senate Floor. The bill expands the scope of practice of certified nurse-midwives. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1320 (Stern) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill 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 University's position on the bill is pending.

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

July 2 Summer Recess for the Senate begins upon adjournment provided the Budget Bill has been passed.

July 3 Independence Day observed.

July 13 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.

July 31 Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to appropriations.

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.