



## UC Davis State Government Relations Update April 2023

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### **Actions on UC Tracked Bills**

**AB 25 (McCarty)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill prohibits the Student Aid Commission, UC, CSU and CCCs operating a baccalaureate degree program from considering any basic needs emergency aid in the awarding or adjusting of the Middle Class Scholarship Program awards. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 226 (Ramos)** was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill urges UC to, on or before 6/30/24, and annually thereafter, report each campus's progress towards completing repatriation pursuant to the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001 and urges UC to prohibit use of any Native American human remains or cultural items for purposes of teaching or research at UC. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 247 (Muratsuchi)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill sets forth the K-Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024 as a state general obligation bond act that would provide an unspecified amount to construct and modernize education facilities. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 656 (McCarty)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill authorizes CSU to award doctoral degrees statewide that do not duplicate UC doctoral degrees and satisfy certain requirements. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 760 (Wilson)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill requires CSU and requests UC to implement a system by which current students, staff, and faculty can declare an affirmed name, gender, or both name and gender identification and prohibits CSU campuses and requests UC

campuses not to charge a higher fee for correcting, updating, or reissuing a document. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 837 (Alvarez)** passed out of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. The bill adds to the definition of "exempt surplus land" land acquired by a local agency for the development of a university and innovation district in accordance with a sectional plan area (SPA) plan adopted by the local agency prior to January 1, 2019, provided that the land is developed in a manner substantially consistent with the SPA plan. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 888 (Cervantes)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill provides eligibility to receive a Cal Grant Program award to a noncitizen who has filed a designated application for asylum and has a valid employment authorization document and social security number. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 918 (Garcia)** passed out of the Assembly Local Government Committee. The bill forms a local health care district within the County of Imperial, designated as the Imperial County Healthcare District, that includes all of the County of Imperial. UC San Diego Health Chief Executive Officer Patty Maysent testified in support of the bill.

**AB 1070 (Low)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill authorizes physician assistants performing home health evaluations to gather patient information and perform annual wellness visits, advanced assessments, or health evaluations. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1138 (Weber)** was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires UC, CSU, CCC, and independent postsecondary institutions, as a condition of receiving state funds for student financial assistance, to provide to students free transportation to and from a local Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) or Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART) exam center for a qualified health care provider to administer the sexual assault forensic medical evidence kit. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1307 (Wicks)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill specifies that noise generated by the unamplified voices of residents is not a significant effect on the environment for residential projects for purposes of CEQA. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**AB 1311 (Soria)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct an assessment, on or before 1/1/25, evaluating the efficacy of existing programs in allied health jointly offered between CCC, CSU, and UC campuses. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1359 (Schiavo)** passed out of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee. The bill establishes new procedures governing the accrual and health care worker sick leave for employees of a covered health care facility, permitting accrued health care worker sick leave to carry over to the following year of employment and prohibiting the facility from limiting use of accrued paid sick days. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1369 (Bauer-Kahan)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill authorizes a person licensed as a physician and surgeon in another state who does not possess a certificate issued by the Medical Board of California to deliver health care via telehealth to a patient who, among other requirements, has a disease or condition that is immediately life-threatening. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1390 (McCarty)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill requires CSU and requests UC, starting with the 2024-25 academic year, to provide on its website information on service-learning programs and opportunities for undergraduate students, and requires CSU and requests UC to, commencing with the 2027-28 academic year, as an undergraduate graduation requirement, require the completion of service-learning. SGR Legislative Director Tyler Aguilar testified that the University has no official position on the bill, but that UC shares the goal of elevating service-learning opportunities and acknowledges that implementing a new systemwide graduation requirement for all UC students could be challenging.

**AB 1392 (Rodriguez)** was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information to require specified hospitals to annually submit a detailed and verifiable plan for increasing procurement from minority, women, LGBT, and disabled veteran business enterprises. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1557 (Flora)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill makes authorization to electronically enter prescriptions applicable to controlled substances, authorizes an in-state licensed pharmacist to, on behalf of a licensed health care facility, from a location outside of the facility, verify medication chart orders before administration consistent with federal requirements, as established in the facility's policies and procedures, and requires a facility to maintain a record of the verification. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1646 (Nguyen)** passed out of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. The bill authorizes a board-approved medical school graduate who is engaged in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited postgraduate training program outside of California to participate in guest rotations in an approved or ACGME-accredited postgraduate training program in California, to engage in the practice of medicine as part of that training program, not to exceed a total of 90 days for all rotations, and to receive compensation for that practice without obtaining a postgraduate training license. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1677 (McKinnor)** passed out of the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill requires the UC Berkeley Labor Center, in recognition of the need to recruit and retain skilled state scientists, to undertake a study of existing salary structure and issues currently impacting horizontal and vertical salary relationships as compared to historical relationships, and to provide recommendations for alternative salary models. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1749 (McCarty)** passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill expands the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act to additionally require that a student who earns an associate degree for transfer be deemed eligible for transfer into a UC baccalaureate degree program if they meet certain requirements. The University has no position on the bill.

**ACA 6 (Haney)** passed out of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee. The bill requires individuals who perform work for UC to have the right to, and be covered by, certain basic state labor standards and authorizes the Legislature to enact laws that further these rights, define the basic state labor standards, or establish other health, safety, and labor protections for individuals performing work for the regents to the same extent as for other California workers. SGR Associate Director of Legislative Affairs Jason Murphy testified in opposition to the bill.

**SB 270 (Wiener)** passed out of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. The bill revises the university housing development project CEQA exemption to require each building to be certified as LEED gold with a point total of 79 or better. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 363 (Eggman)** was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires certain health facilities to submit information regarding the availability of inpatient and residential mental health and substance use disorder treatment beds for a state internet-based database, and subjects these facilities to a plan of correction or assessment of penalties for failure to comply. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 524 (Caballero)** passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill authorizes a pharmacist to furnish prescription medications pursuant to the results from a test classified as waived pursuant to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 performed by the pharmacist that is used to guide diagnosis or clinical decision making for SARS-CoV-2, Influenza, Streptococcal pharyngitis, sexually transmitted infection, or conjunctivitis, in accordance with specified requirements. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 598 (Skinner)** was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill prohibits a health care service plan from requiring a contracted health professional to complete or obtain a prior authorization for any covered health care services if the plan approved or would have approved not less than 90% of the prior authorization requests submitted in the most recent one year contracted period. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 719 (Becker)** was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires law enforcement agencies, including university and college police departments, to ensure public access, in real time, to the radio communications of that agency. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 729 (Menjivar)** passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill requires a health care service plan contract to cover the diagnosis and treatment of infertility and fertility services. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 792 (Smallwood-Cueva)** passed out of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee. The bill requires the Department of General Services statewide inventory of all real property held by the state, including UC, to be completed and updated by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 815 (Roth)** passed out of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. The bill makes various changes to the operations of the Medical Board of California (MBC) stemming from the joint sunset review oversight of the board including clarifying a 4-month minimum general requirement in

a postgraduate training program for a physician and surgeon license applicant. SGR Legislative Director Jen Chase testified that the University does not have a formal position on the bill but want to engage on the issue of postgraduate training licenses.

#### **Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates**

**May 5** – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.

**May 9** – UC Advocacy Day.

**May 12** – Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 5.

**May 19** – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 5.

**May 29** – Memorial Day.

**May 30-June 2** – Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2 and Conference Committees.

#### **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, Senior Director of Government Relations. He can be reached at [adnlopez@ucdavis.edu](mailto:adnlopez@ucdavis.edu) or by phone at (530) 752-97