



## UC Davis State Government Relations Update August 2023

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

**AB 25 (McCarty)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires the Department of Finance, following a growth of General Fund revenues for 2 consecutive fiscal years, to fund the cost of the Middle Class Scholarship Program (MCSP), as determined by the commission, over the 5 fiscal years following that growth. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 40 (Rodriguez)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop and implement a California Emergency Medical Services Information System requirement for an electronic signature for use between the emergency department medical personnel at a receiving hospital and the transporting emergency medical personnel, and requires every local EMS agency to develop a standard not to exceed 30 minutes, 90% of the time, for ambulance patient offload time and report the standardized time to the authority. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 232 (Aguilar-Curry)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill allows a marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, or professional clinical counselor license holder in another U.S. jurisdiction to practice in the state up to 30 consecutive days if certain conditions are met. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 247 (Muatsuchi)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill sets forth the Transitional Kindergarten-Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024 as a state general obligation bond act that would provide \$14B to construct and modernize education facilities. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 299 (Holden)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill expands civil liability for a public or private institution of higher education if it has direct involvement in, or knew or in

the exercise of ordinary care reasonably should have known of, the hazing practices of an organization to which a student is seeking membership and the organization is affiliated with the educational institution at the time of the alleged hazing incident. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 322 (Mathis)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires CCC, CSU, and requests UC include within first-year student and transfer student orientations the location and contact information of the campus point of contact for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California State Guard and the California National. The University has a neutral position on the bill.

**AB 357 (Maienschein)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill prohibits manufacturers and contract testing facilities from using traditional animal test methods within this state for which an appropriate alternative test method or strategy exists, or a waiver has been granted by the agency responsible for regulating the specific product or activity for which the test is being conducted. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 461 (Ramos)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires CCC and CSU and requests UC to provide information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips as part of established campus orientations and to notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 504 (Reyes)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill provides, except as specified, that it shall not be unlawful or a cause for discipline or other adverse action against a public employee who refuses to enter property that is the site of a primary strike, perform work for a public employer involved in a primary strike, or go through or work behind any primary strike line. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

**AB 506 (Fong M)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires CSU to collaborate with the CSU Academic Senate, the CCC Academic Senate, the CCC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, and the CSU on Ethnic Studies to ensure the development of a process for eligible community college ethnic studies courses to meet the requirements of a CSU ethnic studies course provided pursuant to these provisions for students who transfer to the CSU from CCC. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 607 (Kalra)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requests UC and requires CSU and CCC to prominently display the estimated costs for each course of all required course materials and fees directly related to those materials, for no less than an annually increasing percentage up to 75% by January 1, 2028, of the total number of courses on the online campus course schedule for which a faculty member or course instructor has been assigned. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 624 (Grayson)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requests UC and requires CSU, and private higher education institutions to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments for learning disabilities as proof for academic accommodations for any student who receives student financial aid or who is eligible for financial assistance from the institution's health or disability center. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 656 (McCarty)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill authorizes CSU to award professional or applied doctoral degrees statewide that do not duplicate UC doctoral degrees and satisfy certain requirements. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 716 (Boerner)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after 1/1/24, to require an enrollee or insured who receives covered services from a noncontracting ground ambulance provider to pay no more than the same cost-sharing amount that the enrollee or insured would pay for the same covered services received from a contracting ground ambulance provider. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

**AB 749 (Irwin)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires state agencies to implement Zero Trust architecture for all data, hardware, software, internal systems, and essential third-party software and prioritize the use of solutions that comply with federal guidelines, programs, and frameworks including, at a minimum, multifactor authentication for access to all systems and data, enterprise endpoint detection and response solutions, and robust logging practices. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 918 (Garcia E)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill forms a local health care district in the County of Imperial, designated as the Imperial Valley Healthcare District, that includes all of the County of Imperial. The University has a support position on the bill.

**AB 1063 (Gabriel)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires the Department of Public Health to conduct an annual review of its enforcement of nurse-to-patient ratio regulations and submit a report to the Legislature annually, to include data on the number of reports received on alleged violations, investigative steps taken, investigation outcomes, and unsubstantiated allegations. The University's position on the bill is pending.

The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on **AB 1307 (Wicks)**. The bill specifies that the effects of noise generated by project occupants and their guests on human beings is not a significant effect on the environment for purposes of CEQA and specifies that institutions of public higher education, in an EIR for a residential or mixed-use housing project, are not required to consider alternatives to the location of the proposed project if certain requirements are met. The University has a support position on the bill.

**AB 1331 (Wood)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires the Center for Data Insights and Innovation to take over establishment, implementation, and all functions of the CalHHS Data Exchange Framework, and requires health care organizations to execute the framework data sharing agreement as a condition of contracting with the Department of Health Care Services, the Public Employees' Retirement System, and the California Health Benefit Exchange. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1359 (Schiavo)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill grants an employee of a covered health care facility health care worker sick leave and permit accrued leave, and would prescribe for the use and carryover of that leave, including permitting health care worker sick leave

to carry over to the following year of employment for those employees, subject to certain conditions. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1392 (Rodriguez)** was placed on the Senate 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 1393 (Calderon)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires the Student Aid Commission to establish the Food Support Pilot Program for a 4-year period to provide food support grants to qualifying students who submit a complete California Dream Act application and receive financial assistance under the California Dream Act. The University has a support position on the bill.

**AB 1540 (Fong M)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires CCC and CSU and requests UC and independent institutions of higher education to accept an affidavit provided to the Student Aid Commission as part of the student's financial aid application for purposes of the affidavit requirement attesting to legalizing the student's immigration status. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**AB 1749 (McCarty)** was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. 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 an oppose position on the bill.

**SB 27 (Durazo)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill makes it unlawful for any vendor to accept payment from UC pursuant to a contract for prescribed services if they are performing services or supplying the university with employees to perform services who are paid less than the higher of the total compensation rate specified in the vendor's contract with the university or as required by university policy. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

**SB 28 (Glazer)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill establishes the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024 which provides \$15.5 billion to construct and modernize education facilities, and requires UC to comply with certain conditions before receiving funds from the 2024 University Capital Outlay Bond Fund established pursuant to the Act. The University has a **support** position on the bill.

**SB 61 (Dodd)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires UC, as a condition for using state funds pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), to comply with various requirements regarding repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural items. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 70 (Wiener)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill additionally prohibits limiting or excluding coverage of a drug , dose, or dosage form prescribed for off-label use if it was previously covered for a chronic condition or cancer, regardless of whether it is on the plan's or

insurer's formulary, and prohibits a plan contract from requiring additional cost sharing not already imposed for a drug previously approved for coverage. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 234 (Portantino)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires UC and other higher education institutions and schools to maintain unexpired doses of naloxone or other opioid antagonists on their campuses at all times and ensure that at least two employees are aware of the location of those medications, and exempts from civil or criminal liability anyone who, in good faith and not for compensation, administers them by nasal spray or auto-injector on campuses, and requires the same for stadium and concert venues and their employees or entities that own, occupy, or operate them, with further exemption from civil or criminal liability for administering or failing to administer those medications on the premises. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 302 (Stern)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill expands provisions of the Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act that allows a terminally ill patient's use of medicinal cannabis within a health care facility to a patient who is over age 65 with a chronic disease. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 326 (Eggman)** passed out of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. The bill recasts the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) as the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), expanding it to include treatment of substance use disorders, changing the county planning process, and expanding services for which counties and the state can use funds, and revising the distribution of moneys, including allocation of up to \$36 million for behavioral health workforce funding. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 344 (Rubio)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires, rather than authorizes, that the Department of Public Health designate any demographic parts of the state as regional cancer incidence reporting areas and establishes regional cancer registries, relative to the Ken Maddy California Cancer Registry. The University has a support position on the bill.

**SB 385 (Atkins)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill expands training and scope of practice requirements to allow physician assistants that achieve clinical competency to perform abortion by aspiration techniques without the presence of a supervising physician and surgeon. The University has a support position on the bill.

**SB 447 (Atkins)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill authorizes GO-Biz to establish the Building and Reinforcing Inclusive, Diverse, Gender-Supportive Equity Project (BRIDGE Project) to promote social equity, civil rights, and antidiscrimination through marketing and advertising campaigns. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 487 (Atkins)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill declares another state's law for civil action against a person or entity who receives or seeks, performs, provides, or induces, or aids or abets the performance of an abortion, or who attempts or intends to engage in those actions, to be contrary to the public policy of this state, and prohibits a civil judgment and application of that law to a case or controversy heard in state court. The University has a support position on the bill.

**SB 496 (Limon)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill, co-sponsored by UC, requires a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy, and Medi Cal, to cover medically necessary biomarker testing, as prescribed, including whole genome sequencing, for purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a disease.

**SB 525 (Durazo)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires a health care worker minimum wage of \$21 per hour for hours worked in covered health care employment and commencing 6/1/25 to require a health care minimum wage of \$25 per hour. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

**SB 582 (Becker)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires Electronic Health Records (EHR) vendors to execute the California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework data sharing agreement and sets forth EHR vendor fee compliance requirements. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 598 (Skinner)** was placed on the Assembly 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 729 (Menjivar)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires large and small group health care service plan contracts and disability insurance policies to cover infertility and fertility services. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

**SB 791 (McGuire)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requests UC and requires CCC and CSU to require as part of the hiring process for an appointment to an academic or administrative position that the applicant disclose any final administrative decision or final judicial decision determining that the applicant committed sexual harassment. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 815 (Roth)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. 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. The University's position on the bill is pending.

**SB 873 (Bradford)** was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires an enrollee's or insured's defined cost sharing for each prescription drug to be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that is reduced by an amount equal to 90% of all rebates received in connection with the dispensing or administration of the drug, under the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act. The University's position on the bill is pending.

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

**Sept. 1** Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.

**Sept. 4** Labor Day

**Sept. 5-14** Floor session only. No committees may meet for any purpose, except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees.

**Sept. 8** Last day to amend bills on the Floor.

**Sept. 14** Last day for each house to pass bills. Interim Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4))

### **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) 752-9795.