



## **UC Davis State Government Relations Update August/September 2021**

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### **Legislation**

**AB 26 (Holden)** requires law enforcement policies to require officers to immediately report potential excessive force, and to intercede when present and observing an officer using excessive force. The University has a Watch position on the bill. The bill passed out of the Senate on August 30th and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 1st. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

**AB 39 (Chau)** establishes the California-China Climate Institute, housed at the UC Berkeley, and in partnership with the Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development at Tsinghua University and other entities and institutions in China and California. The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 9<sup>th</sup> and the bill was approved by the Governor on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer)** increases the minimum standards to be a peace officer in California from 18 years of age with a high school diploma or passage of an equivalent test to 25 years of age or a bachelor's degree. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

**AB 173 (Assembly Budget Committee)** has been signed by the Governor. The bill, public safety budget trailer bill, provides data relating to crimes and firearms to the California Firearm Violence Research Center at UC Davis and other researchers at the discretion of the Department of Justice. It also renames the University of California Firearm Violence Research Center to the California Firearm Violence Research Center at UC Davis.

**AB 237 (Gray)** requires public employers—especially the UC—to maintain or pay for continued health care or other medical coverage for an enrolled employee or their enrolled dependents, for the duration of the enrolled employee's participation in an authorized strike. The University issued an oppose floor

alert on August 30th. The bill passed out of the Senate on August 30<sup>th</sup> and is awaiting action on the Governor's desk.

**AB 245 (Chiu)** requires, as part of the Donahoe Higher Education Act, a UC, CSU, or CCC campus to update a former student's records to include their updated legal name or gender upon receipt of government-issued documentation of the legal name change. The University issued a support floor alert on August 30th. The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on August 30<sup>th</sup> and the bill is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on September 23rd.

**AB 340 (Ward)** amends California law to conform to federal law and permit taxpayers to benefit from the recently approved provisions in the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act of 2019. The bill would allow Californians with ScholarShare 529 savings accounts to utilize these funds to pay student loan debt and expenses related to qualified apprenticeship programs, in addition to the other qualified education expenses already allowed under state law. The bill passed out of the Senate on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 7th. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

**AB 369 (Kamlager)** establishes Medi-Cal Presumptive Eligibility for persons experiencing homelessness, and authorizes Medi-Cal enrolled providers to bill Medi-Cal for services rendered to people experiencing homelessness outside of traditional medical facilities. The University issued a support letter on June 28th. The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 2nd and the bill is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on September 9th.

**AB 396 (Gabriel)** requires a program that meets the eligibility standards established by the State Department of Social Services for CalFresh local educational programs that increase employability at a campus at CCC, CSU, vocational school, or graduate school, and would request each UC campus to submit an application for certification to the department on or before 6/1/22. The bill passed out of the Senate on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 8th. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

**AB 527 (Wood)** allows UC and its researchers to resume access to identifiable data from the Controlled Substances Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) database for research purposes. The University issued a support position letter on July 1st. The bill passed out of the Senate on September 7<sup>th</sup> and is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on September 9th.

**AB 543 (Davies)** requires CSU and requests UC to provide, as part of campus orientation, educational information about CalFresh, and the eligibility requirements for CalFresh, to all incoming students for all campuses of their respective segments. The bill passed out of the Senate on August 30<sup>th</sup> and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 1st. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

**AB 615 (Rodriguez)** 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 postgraduate medical and dental trainees in unaccredited programs to challenge a termination of employment or a disciplinary action, as defined, by the employer, after the employee has exhausted available administrative or academic grievance processes. The bill was amended with UC's requested amendments on July 7th, and the University withdrew its opposition. The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the bill is on the Governor's desk.

**AB 928 (Berman)** enacts the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021, which requires the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates of UC, CSU and CCC to establish a singular lower division general education pathway that meets the academic requirements necessary for transfer admission to the CSU and UC. SGR issued an oppose floor alert on September 9th. The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 9<sup>th</sup> and the bill is awaiting action on the Governor's desk.

**AB 1082 (Waldron)** is sponsored by UC and extends the operation of the California Health Benefits Review Program (CHBRP) and the fund through 7/1/27. It also authorizes the continued assessment of the annual charge on health care service plans and health insurers and increases the allowable total annual assessment on health care service plans and health insurers to \$2.2M. The University submitted an updated letter of support on June 14th. The bill passed out of the Senate on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on September 10th.

**AB 1215 (Boerner Horvath)** requests UC to establish systemwide protocols for admissions of students no later than 2/1/22, to become effective for the fall 2022 admission cycle of the university, beginning 8/1/22. SGR issued an oppose floor alert on September 2nd. The bill passed out of the Senate on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter requesting a veto from the Governor on September 16th.

**AB 1305 (Lackey)** exempts from Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act cultivation and distribution of cannabis for research purposes pursuant to a registration with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Governor signed the bill on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**AB 1326 (Arambula)** designates a staff liaison for academic counselors and professional staff at a public higher education institution campus within a county, develops protocols for engagement with the campus, and requires CSU, CCC, and UC by request, in collaboration with county human services agencies, to conduct a survey and report findings to specified legislative committees and the Department of Social Services. The University issued an updated support floor alert on September 8th. The bill passed out of the Senate on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The bill is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on September 23rd.

**AB 1456 (Medina)** enacts the Cal Grant Reform Act, which would revise and recast the provisions establishing and governing the existing Cal Grant programs and the Middle Class Scholarship Program and create the Cal Grant 2 and a Cal Grant 4 Programs. The Senate concurred in Assembly amendments on September 9<sup>th</sup> and the bill is on the Governor's desk.

**AB 1550 (Rivas)** requires represented employees at the university to remain represented by their union when the regents change the composition of the UC Academic Senate; the bill also prohibits the Academic Senate or Regents from creating new positions in the Senate whose functions are substantially similar to represented positions. The bill passed out of the Senate on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter requesting a veto from the Governor on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 16 (Skinner)** 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 has a Watch position on the bill. The passed out of the Assembly on September 1<sup>st</sup> and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

**SB 26 (Skinner)** expands the Fair Pay to Play Act to prohibit California postsecondary educational institutions except community colleges, and every athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, from providing a prospective intercollegiate student athlete with compensation in relation to the athlete's athletic reputation, or preventing a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's athletic reputation. Also prohibits an athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics from preventing a postsecondary educational institution other than a community college from participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of the compensation of a student athlete for the use of the student's athletic reputation. The bill was signed by the Governor on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SB 41 (Umberg)** 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, to provide a consumer with certain information regarding such use, as applicable, of genetic data, and to obtain a consumer's express consent thereof. The University submitted a letter of support on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The bill passed out of the Assembly on September 8<sup>th</sup> and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The bill is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**SB 169 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** has been signed by the Governor. The bill, higher education budget trailer bill, provides guidelines for the Affordable Student Housing CASH Fund and makes other amendments to the previous higher education budget trailer bill.

**SB 170 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review)** was signed by the Governor. The bill, Budget Bill Jr., provides technical amendments that UC requested, including additional time to encumber funds and changes to the Drew University allocation.

**SB 171 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** has been signed by the Governor. The bill, health budget trailer bill, extends the Medi-Cal managed care covered services time and distance appointment standards until January 1, 2023, among other changes.

**SB 270 (Durazo)** authorizes an exclusive representative to file an unfair labor practice charge with the Public Employment Relations Board alleging that a public employer violated various labor relations acts, including the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, for noncompliance with requirements to provide specified employee information to labor representatives and employees. Recent amendments extend the right to cure period from 10 to 20 days. The bill was approved by the Governor.

**SB 332 (Dodd)** provides that no person shall be liable for any fire suppression or other costs otherwise recoverable for a prescribed burn including that the burn be for the purpose of wildland fire hazard reduction, ecological maintenance and restoration, cultural burning, silviculture, or agriculture, and that a certified burn boss review and approve a written prescription for the burn. The University issued a support floor alert on September 2nd. The bill passed out of the Assembly on September 1st and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bill is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 365 (Caballero)** requires Medi-Cal to reimburse electronic consultation (e-Consult) services for enrolled providers, including federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics. The University issued a support position letter on July 1st. The bill passed out of the Assembly on September 1<sup>st</sup> and is awaiting action on the Governor's desk. The University sent a letter to the Governor requesting his signature on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**SB 380 (Eggman)** extends operation of the End of Life Option Act indefinitely and makes various changes to the act, including allowing for an individual to qualify for aid-in-dying medication by making two oral requests a minimum of 48 hours apart and eliminating the requirement that an individual who is prescribed and ingests aid-in-dying medication make a final attestation. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

**SB 606 (Gonzalez)** establishes a rebuttable presumption that an employer's actions are retaliatory if it takes adverse action against an employee within 90 days of the employee disclosing a positive test or diagnosis from an exposure at the place of employment or worksite or of a communicable disease, requesting testing as a result of an exposure at the place of employment or worksite, and reporting a possible violation of an occupational safety or health standard. The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 9<sup>th</sup> and the bill was approved by the Governor.

**SB 806 (Roth)** extends the Medical Board of California (MBC) repeal date to January 1, 2024, and makes changes to licensure and regulation of various medical professions and vocations, including appointing an independent enforcement monitor, expanding scope of practice for a physician and surgeon postgraduate training licensee, practicing within an academic medical center accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, registration and application fee changes, and operations of the Physician Assistant Board within the jurisdiction of MBC. The bill is on the Governor's desk.

**SCA 5 (Glazer)** requires the UC Regents to appoint two students enrolled at a campus of the University for each regular academic term during their service as members of the board. The constitutional amendment was moved to the Senate inactive file on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **UC Sponsored Legislation for 2022**

The UC Office of State Governmental Relations (SGR) is soliciting ideas for University sponsored legislation in 2022. Proposals are due October 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any suggestions please reach out to our office via the contact information below.

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

**October 10** – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**January 1** – Statutes take effect.

**January 3** – Legislature reconvenes.

### **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.