



UC Davis State Government Relations Update February 2021

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Legislation

Friday February 19th was the last day for bills to be introduced. Lawmakers introduced nearly 2500 bills this legislative year. Below are recent actions that have been taken on UC tracked legislation along with a list of some of the new bills impacting the University.

AB 85 (Assembly Budget Committee) Was signed by the Governor. The bill is the Budget Bill Jr. associated with the Budget Act of 2020. It appropriates \$650K to UC to support campus efforts to increase student applications in the CalFresh program and \$1.4M in one-time funding to the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA.

AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer) Increases the minimum qualifying age from 18 to 25 years of age for employment as a peace officer. Permits an individual under 25 years of age if the individual has a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university.

AB 104 (Gonzalez) Requires CSU, and encourages private postsecondary institutions and UC, to accept for admission purposes a transcript with a Pass or No Pass grade instead of a letter grade for any coursework from the 2020-21 school year to the 2023-24 school year and notify the State Department of Education whether the institution will accept, those changed transcripts for admission purposes.

AB 233 (Boerner Horvath) Requests UC Regents to require UC to establish specified systemwide protocols for admission processes by 4/15/22, to be effective in the university's admission cycle beginning 8/1/22. These protocols would include a requirement that staff involved in making or informing admissions decisions report all attempts to influence admissions decisions, regardless of source, to their supervisors or to the director of undergraduate admissions. Requires the development and implementation of systemwide standards and procedures to promote an equitable admissions process for the campuses of the university.

AB 245 (Chiu) Requires a UC, CSU, or CCC campus to update a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender if the institution receives government-issued documentation from the student demonstrating that the former student's legal name or gender has been changed.

AB 251 (Choi) Prohibits a UC or CSU senior campus administrator, for purposes of admission by exception, from being a member of the campus development, fundraising, alumni relations, or alumni outreach offices.

AB 288 (Bonta) Enacts the California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021, which would prohibit public and private institutions of higher education in the state that receives, or benefits from, state-funded financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state-funded student financial assistance, from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid award below their financial need.

AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer) Establishes a working group consisting of representatives from CCC, CSU, UC and the State Department of Education, to consider the creation of a pilot program that would provide free postsecondary education in the state by replacing the system of charging students tuition and fees for enrollment at a public postsecondary institution.

AB 305 (Maienschein) Requires specified state agencies and requests UC to electronically transmit to the Department of Veterans Affairs specified information regarding each person who has identified that they, or a family member, has served in the Armed Forces of the United States and has consented to be contacted about military, veterans, family member, or survivor benefits.

AB 320 (Medina) Defines "regionally accredited" for teacher preparation programs at postsecondary educational institutions and makes conforming changes to use the term "institution of higher education" to refer to certain postsecondary educational institutions with teacher preparation programs.

AB 352 (Rivas) Revises and recasts provisions of the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act. Provides that grants made for land improvements may include the financial and technical involvement of the UC Cooperative Extension.

AB 367 (Garcia) Enacts the Menstrual Equity Act of 2021. Requires public schools grade 6-12, CCC, CSU and encourages UC and private universities, colleges, and institutions of higher learning, to stock 50% of all campus restrooms with free menstrual products at all times. Requires a public agency to stock 50% of all restrooms that are open to the public or used by employees with free menstrual products at all times.

AB 391 (Villapudua) Appropriates \$5M GF to the Department of Food and Agriculture to fund partnership with the UC Extension Services, California resource conservation districts, and the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service to deliver technical assistance,

outreach, and provide grants to incentivize participation in state and federal conservation programs where pollinator habitat and forage is established.

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.

AB 403 (Kalra) Establishes the Fair Access to College Textbooks Act which would request UC and prohibit CCC, CSU, an independent institution of higher education, or a private postsecondary educational institution from assessing an automatic charge for instructional materials or enter into an agreement with a book publisher to assess the charge.

AB 443 (Carrillo) States legislative intent to expand the existing pool of international medical graduates in California.

AB 524 (Rodriguez) Establishes the Campus-Affiliated Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act, which would require each institution of higher education to include in the institution's requirements for campus recognition of a campus-affiliated sorority or fraternity, as defined, a requirement that the institution collect from the sorority or fraternity on or before July 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, specified information, and a requirement that the institution suspend the campus recognition of any sorority or fraternity that does not comply with the collection requirements.

AB 538 (Muratsuchi) Establishes the California Aerospace Commission to serve as a central point of contact for businesses engaged in the aerospace industry and to support the health and competitiveness of this industry. Requires the commission to enter into an agreement with the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Berkeley for the purpose of providing office and meeting space to the commission to have the effect of reducing state costs.

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.

AB 545 (Quirk) Requests UC to perform a comprehensive assessment of major tax expenditures to study, among other things, the legislative intent, the beneficiaries, the number of effected returns or business entities, the cost to the General Fund, the effectiveness of such tax expenditures, and options to modify the tax expenditures to improve their effectiveness or reduce their cost.

AB 595 (Medina) Requires CSU and requests UC, before making any change in undergraduate student eligibility policy that adds new eligibility requirements, as described, 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.

AB 609 (Kamlager-Dove) Requires institutions of higher education with sports in which 50% of the institution's total sports revenue in the state exceeds the total aggregate grant-in-aid athletics scholarship amount provided to the institution's college athletes in the sport during the reporting year to pay a name, image, and likeness royalty fee to each qualifying college athlete.

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.

AB 635 (Low) Makes changes to the California Educational Facilities Authority by specifying that the requirement for a grant deed restriction does not apply to a project for student, faculty, or staff housing located on property within the boundary of a campus or on property located outside the campus boundary and owned by the applicable institution.

AB 750 (Jones-Sawyer) Spot bill which would make changes to postsecondary education student residency requirements.

AB 777 (McCarty) Authorizes the Department of General Services to transfer, without charge, 2 parcels of property in Sacramento, California, to UC Davis, to provide housing to low or moderate income employees, faculty, students, and families.

AB 778 (Garcia) Requires all California state-owned or state-run institutions, including public universities and colleges and school districts, that purchase agricultural products to only purchase an agricultural product grown in California unless the agricultural product is not available from an in-state source or is not grown in the state. Defines "agricultural product" for purposes of these provisions as fruits, tree nuts, peanuts, vegetables, melons, potatoes, meat from livestock, eggs, or dairy products.

AB 844 (Grayson) Establishes a green empowerment zone within the County of Contra Costa and partnering with the UC, CSU, CCC, and the state's other research and educational institutions, as well as private foundations, to provide guidance, advice, and encouragement in support of studies of particular interest and importance to the region.

AB 890 (Cervantes) Spot bill which would makes changes relating to the segments of public postsecondary education and defines independent institutions of higher education for these purposes.

AB 927 (Medina) Extends the operation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program indefinitely and removes the requirements that the program consist of a maximum of 15 community

college district programs and for a student to commence a program by the end of the 2022-23 academic year.

AB 928 (Berman) Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation related to a student-centered transfer process.

AB 940 (McCarty) Amends Proposition 63 by appropriating an unspecified amount annually from the Mental Health Services Fund to UC, CSU, and CCC to implement the College Mental Health Services Program.

AB 1002 (Choi) Requires CSU, in collaboration with its Academic Senate, and requests UC, in collaboration with its Academic Senate to develop consistent policy to award military personnel and veterans who have an official Joint Services Transcript course credit similar to the policy developed by CCC.

AB 1009 (Bloom) Establishes the Farm to School Food Hub Program and requests the Sustainable Agriculture and Research Education Program, housed at the Agricultural Sustainability Institute at UC Davis and within UC ANR, to consult with the office on the administration of the program.

AB 1052 (Cervantes) Appropriates an unspecified sum of moneys from the General Fund to UC each fiscal year, commencing with the 2022-23 fiscal year, to be expended only for the creation, construction, and establishment of a public law school in the County of Riverside administered by UC.

AB 1086 (Aguilar-Curry) Requires the Natural Resources Agency to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that provides an implementation strategy to achieve the state's organic waste, and related climate change and air quality, mandates, goals, and targets. Authorizes the Natural Resources Agency to contract with outside entities, including the California Council on Science and Technology and UC to prepare the report.

AB 1097 (Santiago) Makes postsecondary educational institutions that are public, established by a jurisdiction other than the state, and meeting certain requirements eligible, as qualifying institutions, to receive Cal Grant awards for California residents attending these institutions.

AB 1113 (Medina) Prohibits CCC, CSU, Hastings College of the Law, and if adopted by UC Regents, UC from collecting mandatory systemwide tuition and fees from any qualifying surviving spouse or surviving child of a deceased person who was a resident of this state, who was employed as a licensed physician or a licensed nurse by a health facility regulated and licensed by the State Department of Public Health or as a first responder who died of COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency in California.

AB 1115 (Choi) Extends the operation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program by one year, until July 1, 2027.

AB 1152 (Rubio) States the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would create clarity on a standard of care on COVID-19 safety and a temporary and targeted limitation on COVID-19 liability at postsecondary educational institutions in the state as they work to reopen for in-person instruction.

AB 1185 (Cervantes) Requires that, in a state of emergency, resulting from the COVID-19 public health crisis, specified Cal Grant Program eligibility requirements related to time limits for award eligibility and to the age of an award recipient would not apply.

SB 228 (Leyva) Extends the request for UC and requirement for CSU and CCC to grant priority enrollment to current or former foster youth whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after their 13th birthday.

SB 235 (Allen) Creates and funds the UC Industrial Hemp Research Program to ascertain the general safety of industrial hemp.

SB 284 (Stern) Expands the workers' compensation disputable presumption for post-traumatic stress injuries to apply to specified firefighters, specified peace officers, including UCPD, and public safety and emergency response communication employees, for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2020.

SB 292 (Wilk) Adds new requirements for specified entities, including established agricultural research institutions, for laboratory testing, reporting, and cultivation of industrial hemp.

SB 309 (Leyva) Establishes the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Program to increase the number of graduating California high school students, particularly unduplicated pupils, who meet the A-G subject matter requirements for admission to UC and CSU.

SB 356 (Archuleta) Relates to the California Cancer Clinical Trials Program requested to be administered by UC.

SB 367 (Hurtado) Requests UC and requires CSU and CCC, in collaboration with campus and community based victim advocacy organizations, to incorporate the provision of educational and preventive information about opioid overdose and reversal medication in campus student orientations, and to maintain opioid overdose reversal medication in all campus first-aid kits.

SB 379 (Wiener) Prohibits UC from contracting with any health facility contractor or subcontractor in which a UC health care practitioner employee or trainee providing care in the facility would be limited in their ability to provide patients with medical information or services due to policy-based restrictions on care.

SB 387 (Portantino) Requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to work with UC, CSU, CCC, law enforcement stakeholders, and community organizations to develop a list of courses as requirements for obtaining a basic certificate, and establishes the Statewide Law Enforcement Education Fund to support a higher education degree for a career in law enforcement, along with statewide recruitment efforts.

SB 388 (Stern) Establishes the CalServe Higher Education Grant Program and Fund, administered by the Student Aid Commission, to award annual grants to eligible students to finance mandatory systemwide tuition and fees not covered by federal, state, or institutionally administered grants or fee waivers.

SB 395 (Caballero) Establishes the Health Careers Opportunity Grant Program to improve underrepresented disadvantaged students' access to UC, CSU, and CCC health profession programs, and imposes an additional e-cigarette tax to fund the Health Careers Opportunity Grant Program Fund, the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund, the California Children and Families Trust Fund, and the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 Fund.

SB 416 (Hueso) Offers college programs provided by UC, CSU, CCC, or other regionally accredited, nonprofit colleges or universities to qualified inmates, and requires education providers to create curricula and degree pathways, provide instructional staff, and determine what services will be offered to ensure inmates successfully complete the college program.

SB 523 (Leyva) Enacts the Contraceptive Equity Act of 2021, and prohibits UC from approving or renewing a health benefit plan that does not comply with its contraceptive coverage requirements.

SB 525 (Grove) Requires the Department of Public Health to confer with UC and other entities to design a study on the mental health effects of school closures on pupils in years when a state or local emergency declaration results in school closures.

SB 547 (Glazer) Establishes a UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine California Veterinary Emergency Team and Fund to coordinate and train a network of government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to assist in the evacuation and care of animals and livestock in emergencies.

SB 678 (Rubio) Requires the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, whose membership includes a UC representative, to assume additional responsibilities regarding homelessness among unaccompanied women.

SB 737 (Limon) Apportions California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) funds to projects that increase accessibility of postsecondary educational opportunities and financial aid for pupils from underserved communities.

SB 747 (Hurtado) Creates the Central Valley Medical School Endowment Fund, to be administered by the CSU Foundation.

SB 787 (Hurtado) Establishes the CSU Program in Medical Education (PRIME) to establish Doctor of Medicine degree programs.

SB 795 (Roth) Relates to the Cal Grant Program.

SJR 1 (Allen) Urges the U.S. President to protect student loan borrowers by taking executive action to cancel \$50K of student loan debt per borrower.

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

Mar. 25 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.

Mar. 31 Cesar Chavez Day observed.

Apr. 5 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.

Apr. 30 Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report to appropriations **fiscal bills** introduced in their house.

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.