



UC Davis State Government Relations Update February 2023

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LAO's Report on the 2023-24 Proposed UC Budget

On Wednesday, February 15, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its report on "The 2023-24 Budget: University of California." The report is available [here](#). The report "analyzes the Governor's budget proposals relating to UC's core operations, enrollment, and certain capital outlay projects. It also analyzes a proposal to impose certain new requirements on UC Los Angeles (UCLA) relating to transfer students." The report has the following recommendations:

- ***Link UC Funding Increase to Spending Priorities.*** The Governor's main proposal for the University of California (UC) is a \$216 million (5 percent) ongoing base increase. Rather than providing an unrestricted increase, we recommend the Legislature designate funding for the specific operating costs it wishes to support.
- ***Revisit UC Enrollment Expectations.*** The 2022-23 Budget Act provided UC with \$52 million contingent on it increasing resident undergraduate enrollment by 4,730 students in 2023-24 over 2021-22. UC expects to grow by 4,197 resident undergraduate students in 2023-24 (533 students lower than the target). As budget solutions, the Legislature could recognize associated General Fund savings of \$8.6 million in 2023-24 and \$52 million in 2022-23 (given no additional students are being served this year). We recommend the Legislature also set a 2024-25 enrollment target for UC.
- ***Reconsider Certain UC Capital Projects.*** As part of his package of budget solutions, the Governor proposes to delay \$366 million in one-time funding for four UC capital projects until 2024-25. Rather than delaying funding, we recommend the Legislature revisit whether to proceed with

each of these projects. Most of the projects are in very early planning phases, have spent little or no state funds to date, lack key project information, and are not urgent.

- ***Recommend Rejecting Transfer Proposal for UCLA.*** The Governor proposes trailer bill language requiring UCLA to participate in the Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG) program and Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program. The proposed language makes \$20 million of the campus's ongoing core funding contingent on meeting the new requirements. We recommend the Legislature reject this proposal and instead consider whether to require all UC campuses to participate in the TAG and ADT programs. We also recommend the Legislature have a broader discussion regarding whether it would like to develop a performance-based budgeting model for UC.

Budget Hearing

On Tuesday, February 21, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance held a hearing on "2023-2024 higher education segment budget proposals." UC President Michael V. Drake, M.D. represented the University at the hearing. An archive of the hearing is available [here](#).

SB 295 (Dodd)

On Thursday, February 2, Senator Bill Dodd, D-Napa, introduced SB 295. The UC-sponsored bill expands authority for UC to establish rules and regulations for the use of certain transportation devices, including, among other things, motorized scooters, electric personal assistive mobility devices, other personal transportation devices, low-speed vehicles, utility-terrain vehicles, golf carts, and special construction equipment on its campuses. Press release available [here](#). The concept for this bill came via a legislative proposal submitted by UC Davis.

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

March 14 – Hearing by the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 On Education Finance on the California Student Aid Commission, Student Housing, University of California, CSU, and the CA Community Colleges. At 9:00 a.m. in Capitol Room 447.

March 23-24 – UC State Government Relations Directors (GRDs) Face to Face Meeting at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

March 30 – Legislative spring recess begins upon adjournment.

March 31 – Cesar Chavez Day observed.

April 10 – Legislature reconvenes from spring recess.

April 18 – UC Advocacy Day.

April 28 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to appropriations 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, Senior Director of Government Relations. He can be reached at adnlopez@ucdavis.edu or by phone at (530) 752-9795.