



UC Davis State Government Relations Update June 2023

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Actions on UC Tracked Bills

AB 70 (Rodriguez) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill applies requirements for acquiring and placing at least six trauma kits on the premises to certain occupied structures that are constructed prior to 1/1/23, and subjects these facilities to subsequent modifications, renovations, or tenant improvements, as specified. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 101 (Ting) passed out of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. It is the Budget Bill of 2023.

AB 226 (Ramos) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill urges UC to 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. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 232 (Aguilar-Curry) passed out of Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. The bill authorizes a marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, or professional clinical counselor license holder in another U.S. jurisdiction to practice up to 30 consecutive days in any calendar year if certain conditions are met, including being at the highest level for independent clinical practice in the jurisdiction in which the license was granted. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 247 (Muratsuchi) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill sets forth the Transitional Kindergarten-Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024 as a state general obligation bond act to provide \$14 billion to construct and modernize education facilities. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 252 (Holden) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill establishes the College Athlete Protection (CAP) Act for purposes of providing various rights, benefits, and protections to college athletes. The University has an oppose position on the bill.

AB 317 (Weber) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill requires a health care service plan and certain disability insurers that offer coverage for a service that is within the scope of practice of a duly licensed pharmacist to pay or reimburse the cost of services performed by a pharmacist at an in-network pharmacy or by a pharmacist at an out-of-network pharmacy if the health care service plan or insurer has an out-of-network pharmacy benefit. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 571 (Petrie-Norris) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill prohibits exclusion of medical malpractice insurance coverage for liability for damages from abortion, contraception, gender-affirming care, or other treatment related to those health care services. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 656 (McCarty) passed off the Assembly Floor. 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 700 (Grayson) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill establishes the California Firefighter Cancer Prevention and Research Program, and requires the State Department of Public Health, in consultation with UC Office of Research and Innovation and the FIRESCOPE Program, to develop and administer the program. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 760 (Wilson) passed out of the Senate Education 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 793 (Bonta) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill prohibits any government or court from the use of, and a person or entity from complying with, a reverse-keyword or reverse-location demand digital tracking process in this state or any other state, and states the necessity for legislation to preserve the right for privacy protection in seeking reproductive and gender-affirming care. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 907 (Lowenthal) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy to cover prophylaxis, diagnosis, and treatment of Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) prescribed or ordered by a provider. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1001 (Haney) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires a general acute care hospital to adopt policies for behavioral health personnel to respond to patients with a mental health or substance use crisis. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1007 (Ortega) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to submit a proposed regulation requiring a health facility to evacuate or remove plume through the use of a plume scavenging system in all settings that employ techniques that involve the creation of plume. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1286 (Haney) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill authorizes a pharmacist-in-charge to make staffing decisions to ensure sufficient personnel are present in the pharmacy to prevent fatigue, distraction, or other conditions that may interfere with a pharmacist's ability to practice competently and safely. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1524 (Lowenthal) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires CCC and CSU and requests UC, independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions to stock an adequate supply of drug testing devices available and accessible, free-of-charge, at no fewer than one designated and accessible location on each campus and post a notice on these requirements in prominent and conspicuous location in all women's restrooms and men's restrooms. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1540 (Fong) passed off the Assembly Floor. 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 1557 (Flora) passed out of Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development 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 1577 (Low) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires a general acute care hospital that is located in the service area of a community college with an approved school of nursing to make quarterly reports to the Department of Health Care Access and Information and the Board of Registered Nurses of the number of nursing clinical placements filled by the hospital for that quarter. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1677 (McKinnor) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires the UCB 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.

ACA 7 (Jackson) passed out of the Assembly Human Services Committee. The measure provides that, subject to approval by the Governor, the state may use state moneys to fund research-based, or research-informed, and culturally specific interventions or programs in any industry if those interventions or programs are established or otherwise implemented by the state for purposes of increasing the life

expectancy of, improving educational outcomes for, or lifting out of poverty specific groups based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or marginalized genders, sexes, or sexual orientations. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 525 (Durazo) passed off the Senate Floor. 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 815 (Roth) passed off the Senate Floor. 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.

House of Origin Statistics

June 2nd was the last day for both the Assembly and Senate to pass bills introduced in their house. Below are a few statistics on how many bills successfully made it out of the house of origin by the deadline.

State Senate

Total number of bills introduced in 2023 Session: 891

Total number of SBs that passed house of origin: 658 (74% of the total introduced)

Total number of SBs that failed passage on the Floor: 2 (0.2% of the total introduced; 0.3% of the total that reached the Floor)

Total number of SBs that did not reach the Floor: 226 (25% of the total introduced)

State Assembly

Total number of bills introduced in 2023 Session: 1,770

Total number of ABs that passed house of origin: 1,055 (60% of the total introduced)

Total number of ABs that failed passage on the Floor: 1 (0.05% of the total introduced; 0.09% of the total that reached the Floor)

Total number of ABs that did not reach the Floor: 702 (40% of the total introduced)

2023-24 Budget Act

The Legislature passed the 2023-24 Budget Act, SB 101 (Skinner), on June 15th with the Governor signing the measure on June 27th. This legislative Budget Act contains a total of \$227 billion in State General Fund expenditures, or about \$3 billion higher than the Governor proposed in May. SB 101 relies on using unspent funds from prior years to cover these additional expenditures. The bill also reinstates the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax. This budget does not use reserves, leaving the total state reserve level at \$37.2 billion. Below are further details on the 2023-24 Budget Act.

University of California Budget

The total budget for the University of California is \$4.8 billion. This budget provides the University with \$325.7 million in new ongoing funding and \$129.4 million in one-time funding. The budget retains a separate line item for UC ANR. Below is a detailed accounting of the new funding for the University.

2023-24 New Funding for the University of California

Ongoing – \$325.7 million in new ongoing funding

- \$215.5 million for a 5% base budget adjustment. \$4.8 million of this amount is for UC ANR.
- \$30 million for replacing 902 nonresidents with residents at UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC San Diego.
- \$30 million for debt service for the higher education student housing grant program approved projects.
- \$33 million for debt service for the UC Merced and UC Riverside campus expansion projects, as well as the UC Berkeley Clean Energy Campus project.
- \$2 million for the UC Riverside School of Medicine operations.
- \$1.5 million for support for students with disabilities.
- \$1 million for student mental health resources (total funding \$21.3 million).
- \$800,000 for student basic needs and food security (total funding \$15.8 million).
- \$200,000 for rapid rehousing efforts (total funding \$3.7 million).
- \$6.5 million for debt service of the UC Riverside School of Medicine building.
- \$4.85 million for Prop 56 true-up to \$40 million for GME (total State funding \$10.9 million).

One-Time – \$129.4 million in one-time funding

- \$100 million for the California Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy at UCLA.
- \$6.87 million for the Police Records Access Project at UC Berkeley.
- \$5 million for research into cancer in firefighters.
- \$5 million for the UC Davis Equine Performance and Rehabilitation Center.
- \$5 million for the Ralph J. Bunche Center. It is the intent of the legislature to provide \$3 million ongoing to the Ralph J. Bunche Center beginning in 2024-25.
- \$4 million for the Cal Bridge Initiative.
- \$2 million for UC ANR fire advisors.
- \$1.3 million for UC ANR University of California Nutrition Policy Institute. This is the second of four years of funding.
- \$250,000 for UC Merced Labor Center to study oil and gas industry change on local services and jobs.

Budget Bill Language

The Legislature added budget bill language to some of the UC appropriations that either directs the use of the funding or requires reporting. The most notable items of budget bill language are:

- Reporting language on the specific expenditures covered by the five percent base budget increase.
- Legislative intent language directing the five percent base budget increase be used towards represented employees rather than contracted services.
- Enrollment language specifying growth of 7,800 California undergraduates for 2023-24.
- Language specifying UC will either receive more funding or lose funding per student for each student above or below the enrollment target.
- Language establishing targets for Compact enrollment.

- Contingency language on the basic needs funding that withholds the funding until all campuses have signed data sharing agreements with their local counties on student Cal Fresh applications and denials.
- Reporting language on student mental health services.
- Requirement that the funding for supporting students with disabilities be used for professional staff.

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

July 4 – Independence Day.

July 14 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided the Budget Bill has been passed.

August 14 – Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.

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.