



UC Davis State Government Relations Update June/July 2021

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2021-22 State Budget

Below is a summary of the 2021-22 state budget approved by the Legislature/Governor:

BUDGET PACKAGE BILLS

The University of California 2021-22 Budget package includes the following bills:

- AB 128 – Signed by the Governor on June 28. Includes non-State General Fund items
- SB 129 – Signed by the Governor on July 12. Includes State General Fund items.
- AB 132 – Higher education budget trailer bill. Enrolled and presented to the Governor on 7/15.
- AB 161 – Signed by the Governor on July 9. Includes housing funding and amendments.
- AB 164 – Budget amendments. Enrolled and presented to the Governor on 7/15.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA POLICY IN THE BUDGET

The 2021-22 Budget includes the following policy changes for the University of California:

- Removes UCOP line item for UCOP operations and UC Path. Moves the State General Fund for UCOP operations and UC Path into the UC general allocation line item as requested by the Regents. UCOP operations and UC Path can now return to the campus assessment model. (SB 129)
- UCOP budget reporting language to the Legislature due annually beginning September 30, 2022. (SB 129)
- UC Path reporting language on staffing levels, funding, and expenditures due annually on November 1. (SB 129)
- Retains the UC ANR line item as a separate budget line item. (SB 129)
- Includes intent language to have UC increase California undergraduate enrollment by 6,230 students in 2022-23, measured from the 2021-22 academic year. Intent language to have the State provide funding for that enrollment in 2022-23 and thereafter. (AB 164)

- Includes intent language that UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC San Diego reduce undergraduate nonresident enrollment to 18 percent at each campus by 2026-27. Includes intent language to fund the reduction in revenue in 2022-23. (SB 129)
- Includes language stating that if the UC Regents increase tuition for 2021-22, the UC general allocation will be decreased by an amount equal to the resulting Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship cost increase. (SB 129)
- Includes Legislative intent language that the University of California establish a dual admissions program as a separate transfer pathway for first-time freshman applicants from 2023-24 to 2025-26, and specifies goals for the dual admissions program. (AB 132)
- Eliminates Sunset Date for Summer Financial Aid. (AB 132)

TOTAL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA STATE GENERAL FUND: \$4.734 BILLION

Ongoing State General Fund– Total \$547.8 Million:

- Restoration of the Budget Act of 2020 reduction to UC at \$302.4 million, of which \$293.2 million is for campuses and \$9.2 million is for UC ANR (SB 129)
- \$173.2 million unallocated increase for UC, of which \$3.9 million is an unallocated increase for UC ANR (AB 161)
- \$31.4 million increase for UC ANR for operations, including advisors and specialists (SB 129)
- \$15 million for student mental health (SB 129)
- \$12.9 million for PRIME (SB 129)
- \$3 million for the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative (SB 129)
- \$3 million for the UC Davis California Veterinary Emergency Team (SB 129)
- \$1.8 million for the UC Davis Immigrant Legal Services Center (SB 129)
- \$1 million for the University of California Firearms Violence Research Center (SB 129)
- \$1 million for the UC Davis Mosquito Abatement (SB 129)
- \$1 million for a common learning management system (SB 129)
- \$2 million in new funding for Summer Financial Aid due to elimination of the sunset. Total amount is \$4 million ongoing. (AB 132)
- A technical reduction of \$0.6 million to the Prop 56 GME “top off” due to higher than anticipated Prop 56 revenues (SB 129)

One-Time State General Fund in General Allocation – Total \$728.6 Million:

- \$325 million for deferred maintenance – all State General Fund (AB 161)
- \$45 million for the Koret Shelter Medicine Program for local assistance grants (SB 129)
- \$30 million for UC San Diego Medical Center Hillcrest Medical Center (SB 129)
- \$25 million for UC Riverside School of Medicine facilities (SB 129)
- \$22.5 million for Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships (SAPEP) available until June 30, 2024 (AB 164)
- \$21 million for the UC Davis Institute of Regenerative Cures for Jordan’s Syndrome (SB 129)
- \$20 million for California Institutes of Science and Innovation (SB 129)

- \$15.2 million for the UCSF Dyslexia Center, of which \$5 million is to expand pilot sites for local educational agencies (SB 129)
- \$15 million for emergency financial aid (SB 129)
- \$15 million for the UCLA Labor Center (SB 129)
- \$15 million for the UCR Center for Environmental Research and Technology (SB 129)
- \$10 million for the UC Riverside scientific social survey of AAPI communities in California (SB 129)
- \$10 million for the UC Merced Policy Center and UC Merced Center for the Future of Agriculture (SB 129)
- \$10 million for UC Institute of Transportation Studies (AB 164)
- \$6.5 million for create the California Institute on Law, Neuroscience, and Education, with \$3.5 million for UCSF and \$3 million for UCLA (SB 129)
- \$5 million for culturally competent faculty and equal opportunity hiring (SB 129)
- \$5 million for the Ralph J. Bunche Center (SB 129)
- \$5 million for California Subject Matter Project for learning loss (SB 129)
- \$2 million for California Subject Matter Project for ethnic studies (SB 129)
- \$4.5 million for Hematologic Malignancies Consortium Pilot (SB 129)
- \$2.5 million for the UC San Diego Cliff Erosion Study (SB 129)
- \$1.25 million for the health modeling consortium (SB 129)
- \$1 million for the UC Berkeley Alternative Meat Center (SB 129)
- \$1 million for the UC Berkeley Food Institute (AB 164)
- \$543,000 for the Statewide Database Program (SB 129)
- \$375,000 for the UC Merced Community and Labor Center (SB 129)
- \$50 million for the Charles Drew University (SB 129)
- \$65.25 million in SB 129 Control Section 19.57 available after September 30, 2021, and may be restricted by future legislation. The appropriations are:
 - \$5 million for the UCLA Institute on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy and UCLA School of Law
 - \$10 million for the UC Riverside, School of Medicine Acute Care Teaching Hospital
 - \$35 million for the UC San Diego, Scripps Reserve Vessel
 - \$250,000 to UCLA for the Division of Social Sciences Hollywood Advancement Project
 - \$15 million to the UC San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography for the ALERT Wildfire Fire Camera Mapping System

Other

- \$500 million in one-time funds for a grant program for supporting campus capacity expansion at UC and CSU, and supporting affordable student housing at CCC, CSU, and UC. (AB 161)
- California State Library - \$2.1 million, of which \$1.6 million is one-time, to work with UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies and the UCLA Library to establish and maintain a digital database. (SB 129)
- California Student Aid Commission – Increase access award to \$6,000 for students with dependent children and former foster youth. (AB 132)

- Office of Emergency Services – Increase of \$40 million one-time to help homeless youth, including education support at University of California. (SB 129)
- Department of Real Estate - \$200,000 to advance education and research in real estate at the University of California. (AB 128)
- Wildlife Conservation Board - \$465,000 for matching grants to the University of California Natural Reserve System. (AB 128)
- Department of Education - \$6 million for University of California to assess COVID-19 related learning impacts on students in STEM fields. (AB 128)
- Department of Education - \$3.4 million for UC California Subject Matter Projects (AB 128)
- California Workforce Development Board – contract with UC Berkeley for an evaluation of The People Lab pilot project. (SB 129)

Legislation

AB 369 (Kamlager) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services to implement a program of presumptive eligibility for persons experiencing homelessness, under which a person would receive full-scope Medi-Cal benefits without a share of cost, requires reimbursement to an enrolled Medi-Cal provider, and authorizes an enrolled Medi-Cal provider to refer a Medi-Cal beneficiary who is experiencing homelessness for specialist care and diagnostics. The University has a Support position on the bill.

AB 443 (Carrillo) was heard in the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and remains in the committee. The bill authorizes physicians who are not citizens and who seek postgraduate study to be permitted to participate in a fellowship program in a specialty or subspecialty field if certain criteria are met. The University opposes the bill.

AB 527 (Wood) passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill requires the Department of Justice to provide UC and its bona fide researchers with access to identifiable data from the Controlled Substances Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) database for research purposes. The University has a Support position on the bill.

AB 545 (Quirk) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill requests UC to perform a comprehensive assessment of major tax expenditures, and requires the Franchise Tax Board and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to provide readily available taxpayer information required for UC to complete a related study. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 615 (Rodriguez) was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill 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 University has a Neutral position on the bill.

AB 858 (Jones-Sawyer) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill provides that the use of technology shall not limit a worker who is providing direct patient care from exercising independent clinical judgment in the assessment, evaluation, planning and implementation of care, nor from acting as a patient advocate. Prohibits an employer from retaliating or otherwise discriminating against a worker providing direct patient care who requests to override health information technology and clinical practice guidelines or discusses these issues with other employees or supervisors. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

AB 927 (Medina) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill 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. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 928 (Berman) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill enacts the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021, which requires CSU, jointly with UC, to establish a singular lower division general education pathway that meets academic requirements for transfer admission into both segments, and establishes the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Intersegmental Implementation Committee to serve as the primary entity charged with oversight of the ADT. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1020 (Friedman) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill grants eligibility to uninsured patients or patients with high medical costs who are at or below 400% of the federal poverty level for charity care or discount payments from a hospital, and prohibits a hospital from selling patient debt to a debt buyer. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

AB 1105 (Rodriguez) was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires a general acute care hospital employer to establish a weekly COVID-19 screening and testing program for its health care personnel, to test all patients for COVID-19 prior to admission to the hospital, to consider a patient that is not tested prior to admission to be a potential COVID-19 patient, and require health care personnel to be provided and to wear full personal protective equipment when providing care to such a patient. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

AB 1306 (Arambula) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill authorizes the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to establish pilot programs at UC, CSU, CCC, and private university campuses to serve 4,800 students, as specified, and to secure funding and establish infrastructure to develop, implement, and manage a pilot program to address identified barriers to entry in the health professions for students from underrepresented and low-income backgrounds. The University has a Support position on the bill.

AB 1326 (Arambula) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill 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 has a Support position on the bill.

AB 1377 (McCarty) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill requires CSU and requests UC to conduct a needs assessment to determine the projected student housing needs, by campus, for the 2022-23 fiscal year to the 2026-27 fiscal year, inclusive, and create a student housing plan, with a focus on affordable student housing, that outlines how they will meet the projected student housing needs. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1456 (Medina) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill 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 University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1550 (Rivas) was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires that if UC adds to the UC Academic Senate, an existing job classification that was previously outside of the UC Academic Senate, and employees in that job classification were represented by an exclusive representative, that job classification and those employees shall continue to be represented by that exclusive representative. The University has an Oppose position on the bill.

SB 2 (Bradford) passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill enacts the Kenneth Ross Jr. Police Decertification Act of 2021, eliminates certain immunity provisions for peace officers or public entities employing peace officers sued under the act, disqualifies a person from employment as a peace officer if they were convicted of or adjudicated for a violation of certain specified crimes against public justice, or if they were decertified, and requires a law enforcement agency to employ only individuals with a current, valid, or pending certification. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 26 (Skinner) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill expands the Fair Pay to Play Act to apply to compensation in relation to a student athlete's athletic reputation, makes it applicable to CCC, and changes the operative date to 9/1/21. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 41 (Umbert) passed out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The bill establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act to require a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company 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 has a Support position on the bill.

SB 270 (Durazo) passed out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The bill 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. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 335 (Cortese) failed to pass out of the Assembly Insurance Committee. The bill reduces the workers' compensation 90-day time period to 45 days within which if liability is not rejected an injury is presumed compensable, and to 30 days for certain injuries or illnesses sustained while employed as a specified member of law enforcement or as a specified first responder, increases the employer liability for medical treatment under a pending claim to \$17,000, and increases the full amount of an order, decision, or award by 10% if compensation payment is unreasonably delayed or refused. The University has an Oppose position on the bill.

SB 395 (Caballero) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill 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 12.5% e-cigarette tax to be deposited into the California Electronic Cigarette Excise Tax Fund, the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund, the California Children and Families Trust Fund, to fund the Proposition 56 Medi-Cal Physicians and Dentists Loan Repayment Act, and to the Health Careers Opportunity Grant Program Fund created by the bill. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 416 (Hueso) was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to offer college programs to inmates with a general education development certificate or equivalent or a high school diploma and requires those college programs to only be provided by the UC, CSU, CCC or other regionally accredited, nonprofit colleges or universities in California. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 637 (Newman) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill requires a general acute care hospital to report information on PPE, testing, and staffing to the Department of Public Health weekly during a health-related state of emergency and monthly at all other times, and requires a health facility to post any granted program flexibility approval immediately adjacent to its license. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

SB 744 (Glazer) passed out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The bill requires the Department of Public Health to create a program to provide expedited release, during a declared public health emergency, of specified health care data to researchers at a bona fide research institution of higher education. The University has an Oppose Unless Amended position on the bill.

SB 806 (Roth) passed out of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. The bill authorizes a postgraduate licensee to engage in the practice of medicine by signing forms a physician and surgeon is authorized to sign and requires a postgraduate licensee to receive credit for 36 months of board-

approved postgraduate training, pursuant to the attestation of the program director for the approved postgraduate training program in California, before being issued a physician's and surgeon's license, and would authorize the board, in its discretion, to grant a physician and surgeon license to an applicant who demonstrates substantial compliance with these provisions. The University's position on the bill is pending.

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

July 16 Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.

Aug. 16 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.

Aug. 27 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.

Aug. 30-Sept. 10 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees.

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.