



UC Davis State Government Relations Update March 2021

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Legislation

AB 26 (Holden) passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill 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.

AB 48 (Gonzalez) passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill prohibits the use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents by any law enforcement agency to disperse any assembly, protest, or demonstration, except in compliance with specified standards, and prohibits their use solely due to a violation of an imposed curfew, verbal threat, or noncompliance with a law enforcement directive. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

AB 104 (Gonzalez) passed out of the Assembly Education Committee. The bill 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 to 2023-24 school years, and notify the State Department of Education whether the institution will accept those changed transcripts for admission purposes. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

AB 245 (Chiu) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill 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. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 251 (Choi) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill prohibits a UC or CSU senior campus administrator, for purposes of admission by exception, from being associated with campus development, external affairs, fundraising, donor relations, alumni relations, or alumni outreach. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 288 (Bonta) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill enacts the California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021, which would prohibit public and private institutions of higher education in the state that receive, or benefit from, state-funded financial assistance or that enroll students who receive state-funded student financial assistance, from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid award below their financial need. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 367 (Garcia) passed out of the Assembly Education Committee. The bill enacts the Menstrual Equity Act of 2021, which 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. The bill also 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. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 543 (Davies) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill requires CSU and requests UC to provide, as part of campus orientation, educational information about and eligibility requirements of CalFresh, to all incoming students for all campuses of their respective segments. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 595 (Medina) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill requires CSU and requests UC, before making any change in undergraduate student eligibility policy that adds new eligibility requirements that impact students across their segments, to engage in public discussions and coordinate with other educational segments that will be impacted by the policy in order to align preparation and their respective student eligibility policies. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 635 (Low) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill 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. The University has a Support position on the bill.

AB 940 (McCarty) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill 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 1082 (Waldron) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee on consent. The bill, sponsored by the University, extends the operation of the California Health Benefits Review Program (CHBRP) and the Health Care Benefits Fund through 7/1/27, 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 \$2.2 million.

SB 22 (Glazer) would enact the Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022, which (upon approval by the state electorate) would authorize the issuance of state general obligation bonds in the amount of \$15 billion. The Senate Governance and Finance Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on April 8, 2021. The University has issued an updated support letter on the measure.

SB 26 (Skinner) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill expands the Fair Pay to Play Act which includes extending the existing authority for a collegiate student athlete to receive compensation to also include compensation earned from the use of the student's athletic reputation, and moves the operative date of the statute up one year. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 41 (Umberg) was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill 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 has a Support position on the bill.

SB 95 (Skinner) was signed by the Governor. The bill extends COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for covered employees, as defined, who are unable to work or telework due to certain reasons related to COVID-19, including that the employee has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 213 (Cortese) passed out of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill creates a workers' compensation rebuttable presumption that injuries defined as cancer, musculoskeletal injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and infectious and respiratory diseases including COVID-19, that develop or manifest in a hospital employee who provides direct patient care in an acute care hospital arose out of and in the course of that employment. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

SB 371 (Caballero) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill directs federal funds to the California Health Information Technology and Exchange Fund, and authorizes the use of the funds for grants to health care providers to implement or expand health information technology and to contract for direct data exchange technical assistance for safety net providers. SGR Legislative Director Sarah Huchel testified that the University is appreciative of the direction the author is taking, and is working toward a full support position.

SB 464 (Hurtado) passed out of the Senate Human Services Committee. The bill makes a noncitizen applicant eligible for the California Food Assistance Program if they satisfy all eligibility criteria for participation in CalFresh, except any requirements related to immigration status. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 606 (Gonzalez) passed out of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill 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 University's position on the bill is pending.

State Revenues Update

On March 22nd Governor Newsom released an update on state revenues. The press release is available [here](#).

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

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.