



UC Davis State Government Relations Update March 2022

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Actions on UC Tracked Bills

AB 1602 (McCarty) was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The bill establishes the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022, and applies certain provisions of the California Educational Facilities Authority Act to UC and CSU for purposes of housing projects. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1633 (Seyarto) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill requests UC and requires CSU to electronically transmit specified personal information regarding students whose tuition and/or fees are paid using GI Bill educational benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs for each academic year. The University's position is pending.

AB 1671 (Patterson) passed out of the Assembly Human Services Committee. The bill enacts the California Ban on Scholarship Displacement for Foster Youth Act of 2022, prohibiting each public and private institution of higher education in the state that receives, or benefits from, state-funded financial assistance, or that enrolls students who receive state-funded student financial assistance, from reducing an institution-based financial aid award below the financial need of a student who is a foster youth or former foster youth, a resident, and enrolled as specified. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1712 (Medina) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The bill requires UC, CSU, and CCC to convene a campus climate and sexual misconduct survey workgroup, and requests UC and requires CSU and CCC to administer the survey to students every 3 years and report the results to their governing boards. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1872 (Low) passed out of the Assembly Elections Committee. The bill makes the day on which a statewide general election is held a holiday and requires CCC and CSU and requests UC to close campuses on a day on which a statewide general election is held. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1968 (Seyarto) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill requires CSU and requests UC to develop content and presentation standards and a model website template regarding the steps a campus community member who is a survivor of sexual assault may take immediately following the assault. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 118 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee) was signed by the Governor. The bill provides that enrollment or changes in enrollment, by themselves, do not constitute a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The University's had a support position on the bill.

SB 879 (Wiener) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill enacts the Protection of Dogs and Cats from Unnecessary Testing Act, to prohibit a contract testing facility from conducting a canine or feline toxicological experiment that seeks to determine the effect of the application or exposure of any amount of a chemical substance on a dog or cat, unless it is conducted for specified purposes. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 880 (Laird) passed out of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. The bill indefinitely extends existing law requirements qualifying an individual for installing and maintaining devices or implementing methods taught in a water diversion instructional course administered by UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE), and requiring UCCE and the State Water Resources Control Board to develop the course curriculum and proficiency test. The University has a Support position on the bill.

SB 883 (Roth) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill, sponsored by UC, extends the Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program (UCBCP) until January 1, 2027. SGR Legislative Director Sarah Huchel testified in support of the bill.

SB 931 (Leyva) passed out of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill authorizes an employee organization to bring a claim before the Public Employment Relations Board alleging that a public employer violated the prohibition against deterring or discouraging union membership. SGR Legislative Director Michael Bedard testified that the University has an Oppose Unless Amended position on the bill.

SB 934 (Rubio) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill enacts the California Pediatric Cancer Research Fund Act, and creates the Childhood Cancer Research Grant Program to support research and treatment for children impacted by cancer. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 939 (Pan) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from discriminating against a covered entity or its pharmacy regarding dispensing a drug subject to federal pricing requirements or preventing a covered entity from retaining the benefit of discounted pricing for those drugs, and prohibits a drug manufacturer that is subject to federal pricing requirements from imposing preconditions, limitations, delays, or other barriers to purchasing covered drugs that are not required under federal law or regulations. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 960 (Skinner) passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill, sponsored by UC, eliminates the citizenship requirement to serve as a peace officer in California.

SB 964 (Wiener) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill requires CSU, CCC, and if made applicable by the regents by appropriate resolution, UC to develop two accelerated programs of study related to degrees in social work, requests UC to contract with the Department of Health Care Access to prepare a behavioral health workforce landscape analysis report for the Legislature, and provides for various measures to expand the behavioral health workforce. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1075 (Skinner) passed out of the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee. The bill creates the California Clean Hydrogen Hub Fund for expenditure, upon appropriation, to provide grants to public, private, and nonprofit businesses and entities for projects that demonstrate and scale the production, processing, delivery, storage, and end use of clean hydrogen. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1127 (Atkins) passed out of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill reduces the workers' compensation 90-day time period to 60 days for all injuries and employees and, for certain injuries or illnesses sustained in the course of employment of specified members of law enforcement or first responders, reduces those time periods to 30 days, and requires, if injury liability is unreasonably rejected, the penalty to be 5 times the amount of the benefits unreasonably delayed, limited to no more than \$100,000. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1141 (Limon) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill reduces, for purposes of eligibility for the exemption from paying nonresident tuition, the total years of full-time attendance in certain California schools, the years of full-time high school coursework in California, and the total years of attendance in California elementary and secondary schools required from 3 or more years to 2 or more years. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1234 (Pan) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill, subject to legislative appropriation and any potential draw down of federal matching funds, requires an office visit to a Family PACT provider or Medi-Cal provider for specified services for uninsured, income-eligible patients, or patients with health care coverage who have confidentiality concerns, who are not at risk of experiencing or causing an unintended pregnancy, and who are not in need of contraceptive services, to be reimbursed at the same rate as comprehensive clinical family planning services.

SB 1299 (Min) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill, sponsored by UC, extends the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science (COSMOS) program until January 1, 2028, and increases the application fee to \$40 and the tuition to \$4,550, each to be increased by an amount of up to 5% annually.

SB 1308 (Caballero) passed out of the Senate Agriculture Committee. The bill prohibits CCC, CSU, and all local educational agencies that solicit bids for the purchase of an agricultural food product from purchasing, and requests UC not to purchase, agricultural food products grown, packed, or processed nondomestically, unless either the bid or price of the nondomestic agricultural food product is more than 25% lower than the bid or price of the domestic agricultural food product or the quality of the domestic agricultural food product is inferior to the quality of the agricultural food product grown, packed, or produced nondomestically. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 1328 (McGuire) passed out of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee. The bill urges companies operating in California and the UC Regents to divest and separate themselves from the government of Russia, Russian financial institutions, and Russian businesses, and requests companies doing business in California to report their investments in and contracts with Russia. The University's position on the bill is pending.

Governor's State of the State

On March 8th, Governor Gavin Newsom delivered his 2022 State of the State Address. An archive video of the address is available [here](#). Text of the Governor's address as prepared for delivery is available [here](#).

Assembly Budget Subcommittee Hearings

On March 15th the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance held a hearing today to discuss budget items for UC and UC Hastings College of the Law. An archive of the hearing is available [here](#). SGR Associate Director of State Budget Seija Virtanen represented the University at the hearing.

Sub 2 also held a hearing on March 22nd regarding PreK-12 and higher education, including UC budget items. An archive of the hearing is available [here](#). UC Executive Director of Educator Programs Claudia Martinez represented the University at the hearing.

State Controller's Monthly Fiscal Report

On March 29th, State Controller Betty Yee released her monthly California Fiscal Focus report. The report is available [here](#).

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

April 7—Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.

April 18—Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.

April 29—Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.

May 6—Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.

May 13—Last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 31.

May 20—Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor 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.