



UC Davis State Government Relations Update March 2023

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Actions on UC Tracked Bills

AB 40 (Rodriguez) passed out of the Assembly Emergency Management Committee. The bill requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop a California Emergency Medical Services Information System requirement for an electronic signature for use between the emergency department medical personnel at a receiving facility. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 700 (Grayson) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee. 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 837 (Alvarez) passed out of the Assembly Local Government Committee. The bill adds to the definition of "exempt surplus land" land acquired by a local agency for the development of a university and innovation district in accordance with a sectional plan area (SPA) plan adopted by the local agency prior to January 1, 2019, provided that the land is developed in a manner substantially consistent with the SPA plan. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1034 (Wilson) passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. The bill prohibits a law enforcement agency or law enforcement officer from installing, activating, or using any biometric surveillance system in connection with an officer camera or data collected by an officer camera. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1082 (Kalra) passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee. The bill deletes the authority of a peace officer or public employee to remove or immobilize a vehicle under specified circumstances, and

prohibits a processing agency from requesting DMV to place a registration hold on a vehicle unless the vehicle has 6 or more unpaid parking citations. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 27 (Durazo) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill makes it unlawful for any vendor to accept payment above a specified threshold from UC pursuant to a contract for prescribed services if performed or supplied with employees who are paid less than the higher of the total compensation rate pursuant to the vendor's contract with UC or as required by university policy, and requires information regarding an audit or other findings to be provided to UC and members of any joint labor-management committee. The University does not have an official position on the bill yet but does have concerns.

SB 59 (Skinner) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill requires all women's, all-gendered, and at least one men's restroom in a state-owned building or state-rented or leased office space, or a hospital that receives state funds for construction of, or to administer or develop its services and programs, to be stocked with menstrual products, available and accessible to employees and the public, free of cost, always. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 257 (Portantino) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill requires health plans and certain insurers to provide coverage without cost sharing for mammography screenings and medically necessary diagnostic breast imaging, and for enrollees or insureds to have an associated breast cancer risk factor. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 295 (Dodd) passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee. The bill, sponsored by UC, expands authority for the University to establish rules and regulations for the use of certain transportation devices, including but not limited to, 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.

SB 302 (Stern) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill expands provisions of the Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act (Ryan's Law) that allows a terminally ill patient's use of medicinal cannabis within a health care facility to a patient who is over age 65 with a chronic disease. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 438 (Caballero) passed out of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. The bill, relative to the Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage Program, provides for an interim unified permitting process by state agencies, authorization for grant recipients under the California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act for the acquisition of property for eligible projects, and intent to enact further legislation to establish a state recommended framework and standards. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 487 (Atkins) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill declares another state's law for civil action against a person or entity who receives or seeks, performs, provides, or induces, or aids or abets the performance of an abortion, or who attempts or intends to engage in those actions, to be contrary to the public policy of this state, and prohibits a civil judgment and application of that law to a case or controversy heard in state court. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 570 (Becker) passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The bill prohibits the Department of Public Health, by way of rule, regulation, contract, or any other manner, from interfering with a pregnant individual's ability to secure genetic screening testing as recommended and/or ordered by their prenatal care provider. The University's position on the bill is pending.

Budget Hearings

On March 14th the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance (Sub 2) held a hearing on higher education items, including Student Housing at the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges. SGR Associate Director of State Budget Seija Virtanen represented the University at the hearing. An archive of the hearing is available [here](#).

The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1 on Education also held a hearing on March 16th on higher education items, including the California Student Aid Commission and College of the Law, San Francisco. An archive of the hearing is available [here](#).

Similarly, on March 28th Sub 2 held another hearing, this time to discuss the UC and CSU budgets. AD Virtanen, Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions Han Mi Yoon-Wu, and Vice President for Graduate and Undergraduate Affairs Yvette Gullatt represented the University at the hearing. An archive of the hearing is available [here](#).

LAO Report

On Thursday, March 9, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report on "The 2023-24 Budget: Student Housing." The report analyzes the Governor's proposals to delay certain funding for the Higher Education Student Housing Grant program and California Student Housing Revolving Loan program. The report is available [here](#).

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

April 10 – Legislature reconvenes from spring recess.

April 28 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to appropriations bills introduced in their house.

May 9 – UC Advocacy Day.

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) 752-979