



UC Davis State Government Relations Update October 2023

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Actions on UC Tracked Bills

AB 70 (Rodriguez) was signed by the Governor. 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 did not take a position on the bill.

AB 226 (Ramos) was signed by the Governor. The bill Urges UC to, on or before 6/30/24, and annually thereafter, 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 at UC. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 232 (Aguiar-Curry) was signed by the Governor. The bill allows a marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, or professional clinical counselor license holder in another U.S. jurisdiction to practice in the state up to 30 consecutive days if certain conditions are met. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 255 (Alanis) was signed by the Governor. The bill requires CSU and requests UC to grant priority registration to first responders. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 299 (Holden) was vetoed by the Governor. The bill would have expanded civil liability for a public or private institution of higher education if it has direct involvement in the hazing practices of the organization, or knew or in the exercise of ordinary care reasonably should have known of the hazing practices of an organization to which a student is seeking membership and unreasonably failed to prevent,

discover, stop the hazing practices, and the organization is affiliated with the educational institution at the time of the alleged hazing incident. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 317 (Weber) was signed by the Governor. 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 did not take a position on the bill.

AB 357 (Maienschein) was signed by the Governor. The bill prohibits manufacturers and contract testing facilities from using traditional animal test methods within this state for which an appropriate alternative test method or strategy exists, or a waiver has been granted by the agency responsible for regulating the specific product or activity for which the test is being conducted. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 360 (Gipson) was signed by the Governor. The bill prohibits "excited delirium," as defined, from being recognized as a valid medical diagnosis or cause of death in this state and prohibits a coroner, medical examiner, physician, or physician assistant from stating on the certificate of death or in any report that the cause of death was excited delirium. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 447 (Arambula) was signed by the Governor. The bill authorizes CSU and requests UC to establish and maintain inclusive college programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at 4-year public postsecondary educational institutions. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 461 (Ramos) was signed by the Governor. The bill requires CCC and CSU and requests UC to provide information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips as part of established campus orientations and to notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 504 (Reyes) was vetoed by the Governor. The bill would have provided, except as specified, that it shall not be unlawful or a cause for discipline or other adverse action against a public employee who refuses to enter property that is the site of a primary strike, perform work for a public employer involved in a primary strike, or go through or work behind any primary strike line. The University requested the Governor's veto on the bill.

AB 607 (Kalra) was signed by the Governor. The bill requests UC and requires CSU and CCC to prominently display the estimated costs for each course of all required course materials and fees directly related to those materials, for no less than an annually increasing percentage up to 75% by January 1, 2028, of the total number of courses on the online campus course schedule for which a faculty member or course instructor has been assigned. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 624 (Grayson) was vetoed by the Governor. The bill would have requested UC and required CSU, and private higher education institutions to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments for learning disabilities as proof for academic accommodations for any student who receives student financial aid or who is eligible for financial assistance from the institution's health or disability center. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 656 (McCarty) was signed by the Governor. The bill authorizes CSU to award professional or applied doctoral degrees statewide that do not duplicate UC doctoral degrees and satisfy certain requirements. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 716 (Boerner) was signed by the Governor. The bill requires a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after 1/1/24, to require an enrollee or insured who receives covered services from a noncontracting ground ambulance provider to pay no more than the same cost-sharing amount that the enrollee or insured would pay for the same covered services received from a contracting ground ambulance provider. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 789 (Berman) was signed by the Governor. The bill requires, as part of the criteria to be a qualifying institution under the Cal Grant Program, an institution, by the start of the 2024-25 academic year, to comply with various requirements regarding "satisfactory academic progress" standards used to determine if a student qualifies for a Cal Grant and to develop and implement policies defining "satisfactory academic progress" in a manner that is consistent with the federal standards. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 904 (Calderon) was signed by the Governor. The bill requires a health care service plan or health insurer to develop a maternal and infant health equity program that addresses racial health disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes through the use of doulas. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 907 (Lowenthal) was vetoed by the Governor. The bill would have required 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 the treating physician and surgeon. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 918 (Garcia E) was signed by the Governor. The bill forms a local health care district in the County of Imperial, designated as the Imperial Valley Healthcare District, that includes all of the County of Imperial. The University requested the Governor's signature on the bill.

AB 1007 (Ortega) was signed by the Governor. The bill requires the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to submit a proposed regulation requiring a health facility to evacuate or remove plume to the extent technologically feasible through the use of a plume scavenging system in all settings that employ techniques that involve the creation of plume. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 1063 (Gabriel) was vetoed by the Governor. The bill would have required the Department of Public Health to conduct an annual review of its enforcement of nurse-to-patient ratio regulations and submit a report to the Legislature annually, to include data on the number of reports received on alleged violations, investigative steps taken, investigation outcomes, and unsubstantiated allegations. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 1138 (Weber) was signed by the Governor. The bill requires UC, CSU, CCC and independent postsecondary institutions, as a condition of receiving state funds for student financial assistance, to ensure that a student who seeks support after experiencing sexual violence receives information about

the student's options and rights to obtain a sexual assault forensic medical examination, and commencing with the 2025-26 school year, to the extent practicable and necessary, to provide to their students without charge and in a manner that protects student confidentiality, transportation to and from a local Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) or Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART) exam center for a qualified health care provider to administer the sexual assault forensic medical evidence kit. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 1286 (Haney) was signed by the Governor. The bill makes various changes to the Pharmacy Law regarding pharmacy operations, staffing, and practices. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 1291 (McCarty) was signed by the Governor. The bill creates the UC Associate Degree for Transfer Pilot Program which would require UCLA to declare at least 8 majors by the 2026-27 academic year, and at least 12 majors by the 2028-29 academic year, as similar to the transfer model curricula from select community colleges chosen by UCLA and would require, by the 2028-29 academic year, the University of California to designate at least 5 campuses to declare at least 12 majors similar to the transfer model curricula. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 1373 (Garcia) was signed by the Governor. The bill makes various changes regarding energy procurement relative to clean energy transition, including requesting the Department of Water Resources to procure offshore wind and geothermal energy resources that meet the portfolio of resources. The University did not take a position on the bill.

AB 1540 (Fong) was signed by the Governor. 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 did not take a position on the bill.

AB 1677 (McKinnor) was vetoed by the Governor. The bill would have required 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 did not take a position on the bill.

AB 1707 (Pacheco) was signed by the Governor. The bill prohibits a healing arts board from denying an application for a license or imposing discipline upon a licensee or health care practitioner solely based on a civil judgment, criminal conviction, or disciplinary action in another state due to that state's application of its law that interferes with a person's right to receive care that is lawful in this state, regardless of the patient's location, and prohibits a health facility from denying staff privileges to, removing from medical staff, or restricting the staff privileges of a licensed health professional on the same basis. The University requested the Governor's signature on the bill.

SB 27 (Durazo) was signed by the Governor. The bill makes it unlawful for any vendor to accept payment from UC pursuant to a contract for prescribed services if they are performing services or supplying the university with employees to perform services who are paid less than the higher of the total compensation rate specified in the vendor's contract with the university or as required by university policy. The University had a neutral position on the bill.

SB 234 (Portantino) was signed by the Governor. The bill requires each stadium, concert venue, and amusement park to maintain unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist on its premises at all times, and to ensure that at least two employees are aware of the location of the naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonist. The University did not take a position on the bill.

SB 302 (Stern) was signed by the Governor. The bill expands provisions of the Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act 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 did not take a position on the bill.

SB 487 (Atkins) was signed by the Governor. 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 requested the Governor's signature on the bill.

SB 496 (Limon) was signed by the Governor. The bill, co-sponsored by UC, requires a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy, and Medi Cal, to cover medically necessary biomarker testing, as prescribed, including whole genome sequencing, for purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a disease.

SB 497 (Smallwood-Cuevas) was signed by the Governor. The bill creates a rebuttable presumption in favor of an employee's claim if an employer engages in any prohibited adverse action against an employee or employment applicant within 90 days of being engaged in a protected activity. The University did not take a position on the bill.

SB 553 (Cortese) was signed by the Governor. The bill authorizes a collective bargaining representative of an employee to seek a temporary restraining order and an order after hearing on behalf of the employee and other employees at the workplace. The University did not take a position on the bill.

SB 582 (Becker) was vetoed by the Governor. The bill would have required Electronic Health Records (EHR) vendors to execute the California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework data sharing agreement and sets forth EHR vendor fee compliance requirements. The University did not take a position on the bill.

SB 633 (Gonzalez) was signed by the Governor. The bill, sponsored by UC, authorizes UC and CSU to award DREAM grants to grant eligible students if the institution has unawarded funds in its DREAM revolving fund.

SB 661 (Bradford) was signed by the Governor. The bill grants specified benefits to student athletes who attend institutions that receive, as an average, less than \$10M in annual income derived from media rights for intercollegiate athletics and participate in intercollegiate athletic programs whose teams do not compete in Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The University did not take a position on the bill.

SB 786 (Portantino) was signed by the Governor. The bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from discriminating against a covered entity or its pharmacy in connection with dispensing a drug subject to federal pricing requirements, pursuant to the 340B discount drug purchasing program, or preventing a covered entity from retaining the benefit of discounted pricing for those drugs. The University requested the Governor's signature on the bill.

SB 791 (McGuire) was signed by the Governor. The bill requests UC and requires CCC and CSU to require as part of the hiring process for an appointment to an academic or administrative position that the applicant disclose any final administrative decision or final judicial decision determining that the applicant committed sexual harassment. The University did not take a position on the bill.

SB 799 (Portantino) was vetoed by the Governor. The bill provides employees who remain on strike for more than two weeks with Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, thus requiring employers (via UI) to fund ongoing labor disputes. The University requested the Governor's veto on the bill.

SB 815 (Roth) was signed by the Governor. The bill makes various changes to Medical Board of California (MBC) operations and actions and several changes to licensure requirements for trainees, including extending the length of the postgraduate training license from 12 to 36 months and removing the requirement that residents must be in the same program for 24 months to renew their physician's and surgeon's license after residency. The University did not take a position on the bill.

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

November 1 – The UC Center Sacramento is scheduled to hold a webinar and limited in-person event with guest speaker, Professor Jay Lund from UC Davis, on “Navigating Extremes - Challenges and Opportunities for California Water Policy and Management.”

November 8 – The UC Center Sacramento is scheduled to hold a webinar and limited in-person event with guest speakers, Dr. Nikolay Kandul from UC San Diego and Professor Chris Barker from the School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Davis, on “Mosquito-borne Disease Surveillance and Control in California.”

November 29 – The UC Center Sacramento is scheduled to hold a webinar and limited in-person event with guest speaker, Professor Neal Driscoll from UC San Diego, on “ALERTCalifornia: An Advanced Camera Network for Wildfire Control in California.”

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.