



UC Davis State Government Relations Update September 2023

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Actions on UC Tracked Bills

The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on **AB 40 (Rodriguez)**. The bill requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop and implement a California Emergency Medical Services Information System requirement for an electronic signature for use between the emergency department medical personnel at a receiving hospital and the transporting emergency medical personnel, and requires every local EMS agency to develop a standard not to exceed 30 minutes, 90% of the time, for ambulance patient offload time and report the standardized time to the authority. The University's position on the bill is pending.

The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on **AB 70 (Rodriguez)**. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 226 (Ramos) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill urges UC to, on or before 6/30/24, and annually thereafter, 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 255 (Alanis) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requires CSU and requests UC to grant priority for registration for enrollment to first responders. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 299 (Holden) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill expands 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's position on the bill is pending.

The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on **AB 317 (Weber)**. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 322 (Mathis) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requires CCC, CSU, and requests UC include within first-year student and transfer student orientations the location and contact information of the campus point of contact for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California State Guard and the California National. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 352 (Bauer-Kahan) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requires businesses to enable security features related to gender affirming care, abortion and abortion-related services, and contraception and prohibits a health care provider, health care service plan, contractor, or employer from cooperating with inquiries or investigations by, or from providing medical information to, an entity from another state or, to the extent permitted by federal law, to a federal law enforcement agency that would identify an individual seeking or obtaining an abortion or related services that are lawful in this state, unless the request is authorized under existing law. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

AB 360 (Gipson) passed off the Senate Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 447 (Arambula) passed off the Senate Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 461 (Ramos) passed off the Senate Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

The University issued a "support" floor alert on **AB 496 (Limon)**. 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.

The University has sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting a veto on **AB 504 (Reyes)**. The bill provides, 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.

AB 607 (Kalra) passed off of the Senate Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 624 (Grayson) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requests UC and requires 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 656 (McCarty) passed off of the Senate Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 716 (Boerner) passed off of the Senate Floor. 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 is not taking a position on the bill.

AB 760 (Wilson) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requires CSU and requests UC to implement a system for declaring an affirmed name and/or gender identification and prohibits CSU and requests UC not to charge a higher fee for correcting, updating, or reissuing a document. Also prohibits an institution from requiring a graduating student to provide legal documentation sufficient to demonstrate a legal name or gender change in order to have their chosen name be the sole name listed on their diploma. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 789 (Berman) passed off the Senate Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 904 (Calderon) passed off of the Senate Floor. 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 is not taking a position on the bill.

AB 907 (Lowenthal) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requires 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 is not taking a position on the bill.

The University has sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting his signature on **AB 918 (Garcia)**. 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.

AB 1007 (Ortega) passed off of the Senate Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1063 (Gabriel) passed off of the Senate Floor. The bill requires 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1138 (Weber) passed off of the Senate Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1286 (Haney) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill makes various changes to the Pharmacy Law regarding pharmacy operations, staffing, and practices. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1291 (McCarty) passed out of the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1373 (Garcia) passed off the Senate Floor and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1392 (Rodriguez) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requires specified hospitals to annually submit a plan for increasing procurement from minority, women, LGBT, and disabled veteran business enterprises to be reviewed by the Department of Health Care Access and Information for completeness. The University's position on the bill is pending.

The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on **AB 1540 (Fong M)**. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1646 (Nguyen) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill authorizes a board-approved medical school graduate engaged in an out-of-state ACGME-accredited postgraduate training program to participate in guest rotations in a California approved postgraduate training program or participating affiliated training site, to practice medicine as part of that training program, not to exceed 90 days for all rotations, and to be compensated without a postgraduate training license, and extends the period for an applicant for a physician's and surgeon's license who received credit of postgraduate training to 180 days. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on **AB 1677 (McKinnor)**. The bill requires 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's position on the bill is pending.

The University has sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting his signature on **AB 1707 (Pacheco)**. 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.

ACA 6 (Haney) failed to pass out of the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee. The bill would have required UC employees to have the right to, and be covered by, certain basic state labor standards as they apply to employees of the state, and required individuals who perform certain work for UC to have the right to the payment of a prevailing wage.

ACA 7 (Jackson) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill provides that, subject to approval by the Governor, the state may use state moneys to fund research-based, or research-informed, and culturally specific programs in any industry if those programs are established or otherwise implemented by the state for purposes of increasing the life expectancy of, improving educational outcomes for, or lifting out of poverty specific groups based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or marginalized genders, sexes, or sexual orientations. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 27 (Durazo) passed off of the Assembly Floor. 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 has an **oppose unless amended** position on the bill.

The Senate concurred in Assembly amendments on **SB 104 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)**. The bill amends the Budget Act of 2022 and the Budget Act of 2023 by amending and adding items of appropriation and making other changes.

The Senate concurred in Assembly amendments on **SB 142 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)**. It is the Higher Education budget trailer bill.

The Senate concurred in Assembly amendments on **SB 143 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)**. It is the State government trailer bill that includes an extension of the expiration date for postgraduate training licenses that will expire this year. The University has a **support** position on the bill.

SB 234 (Portantino) passed off of the Assembly Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

SB 302 (Stern) passed off the Assembly Floor and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments. 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's position on the bill is pending.

SB 326 (Eggman) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill recasts and expands the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) as the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) if approved by the voters at the March 5, 2024 statewide primary election. The University's position on the bill is pending.

The University has sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting his signature on **SB 344 (Rubio)**. The bill makes changes to requirements for pathology reporting and research data sharing in the Ken Maddy California Cancer Registry.

SB 447 (Atkins) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill authorizes GO-Biz to establish the Building and Reinforcing Inclusive, Diverse, Gender-Supportive Equity Project (BRIDGE Project) to promote social equity, civil rights, and antidiscrimination through marketing and advertising campaigns. The University's position on the bill is pending.

The University has sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting his signature on **SB 487 (Atkins)**. 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.

SB 496 (Limon) passed off the Assembly Floor. 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 525 (Durazo) passed off the Assembly Floor and the Senate concurred in Senate amendments. The bill establishes a health care employee minimum wage with various phase-in schedules based upon a classification system using factors such as health care facility size, type of facility, and the governmental payor mix percentage, as described. The University is not taking a position on the bill.

SB 553 (Cortese) passed off of the Assembly Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

SB 582 (Becker) passed off of the Assembly Floor. The bill requires 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's position on the bill is pending.

The University has sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting his signature on **SB 633 (Gonzalez)**. The bill, sponsored by UC, authorizes UC and the California State University (CSU) to award DREAM grants to grant-eligible students from unawarded funds in the DREAM Loan revolving fund.

SB 661 (Bradford) passed off the Assembly Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

The University has sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting his signature on **SB 786 (Portantino)**. 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.

SB 791 (McGuire) passed off the Assembly Floor. 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's position on the bill is pending.

The University, as part of a coalition, issued an “**oppose**” floor alert and a letter to the Governor requesting a veto on **SB 799 (Portantino)**. 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.

SB 815 (Roth) passed off the Assembly Floor and the Senate concurred in Assembly amendments. 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's position on the bill is pending.

2024 Request for Sponsored Legislation

The UC Office of State Governmental Relations (SGR) is soliciting ideas for University sponsored legislation for 2024. Proposals are due October 13th. If you have any suggestions please reach out to our office via the contact information below.

Upcoming State Government Relations Deadlines, Events and Key Dates

October 4 – The UC Center Sacramento is scheduled to hold a webinar and limited in-person event with guest speaker, Professor Charisma Acey from UC Berkeley and the Berkeley Food Institute, on “Planning for Food Justice: Advancing Equity and Food Access in Land Use Planning Through California’s SB 1000.”

October 14 – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 14th.

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.