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COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

Upcoming Events:

**CEO Leadership
Academy**
Lake Tahoe, CA
June 6 –13

**Classified Leadership
Institute**
Granlibakken, Tahoe City
June 15 –17

**Online Teaching
Conference**
Anaheim, CA
June 19-21

Consultation Council
Sacramento, CA
June 15

**Deadline to Submit
Annual Convention
Proposals**
June 26

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June 2017 Newsletter

End of First House Deadline

Last week was the deadline for all bills to pass their house of origin. In order to remain active in the current legislative session, all Assembly bills must have passed to the State Senate and all Senate bills have passed into the State Assembly. All bills that have failed this deadline are now two year bills and can be reconsidered by the legislature next year.

Action was taken on several bills that could have significant impact on your institutions. Many will be considered by policy committees over the next month and a half. The bills range from restricting local collective bargaining rights to pilot programs expanding the types of degrees colleges offer. These bills include:

- AB 387 (Thurmond): Minimum Wage: Health l Interns
- AB 568 (Gonzalez Fletcher): Maternity Leave
- AB 705 (Irwin): Multiple Measures
- AB 1435 (Gonzalez Fletcher): Athletic Commission
- AB 1651 (Reyes): Administrative Leave
- SB 577 (Dodd): Teaching Credential Programs
- SB 769 (Hill): Baccalaureate Degrees

For a comprehensive list of legislation impacting community colleges, please click [here](#). For access to a PowerPoint featuring with up to date information regarding the state budget proposal, important pieces of legislation and President Trump's budget proposal click [here](#).

Forty of the bills tracked by the Community College League of California have passed into the second house. Below is a summary of the status of priority bills.

AB 387 (Thurmond) Minimum Wage: Health Professionals: Interns

League Position: **Oppose**

Action: Failed to Pass the Assembly

This bill would have required hospitals and large medical employers to pay students obtaining hours leading to licensure in an allied health profession the state's minimum wage.

AB 568 (Gonzalez Fletcher) School and Community College Employees: Paid Maternity Leave

League Position: **Oppose Unless Amended**

Action: Passed on to the State Senate

This bill would require school and community college districts to provide an additional paid leave of absence for an employee of the district who is required to be absent because of pregnancy or convalescence following childbirth.

AB 618 (Low) Job Order Contracting: Community College Districts

League Position: **Support**

Action: Passed on to State Senate

This bill would permit a community college district to enter into a job order contract for contracts exceeding \$25,000 or more that lasts through 2022 as long as they are part of a project labor agreement.

AB 705 (Irwin): Multiple Measures

League Position: **Support if Amended**

Action: Passed on to State Senate

This bill would require community colleges to utilize high school performance data, if available, in addition to placement tests when determining to place a student in courses.

AB 1018 (Reyes) Community College: Student Equity Plans: Homeless Students

League Position: **Support**

Action: Passed on to the State Assembly

This bill would add homeless students to the categories of students to be addressed in student equity plans.

AB 1453 (Gonzalez Fletcher) The College Athlete Protection Act

League Position: **Opposed Unless Amended**

Action: Passed on to the State Senate

This bill would establish a commission with the authority to heavily regulate collegiate athletics. It would have the authority to set safety standards for student athletes, establish procedures to improve graduation rates, and investigate cases of sexual assault.

AB 1651 (Reyes) Academic Employees: Involuntary Administrative Leave

League Position: **Oppose Unless Amended**

Action: Passed on to the State Senate

This bill This bill would require community colleges to disclose why a community college employee has been put on administrative leave unless a college can prove that revealing the information would hurt campus safety or hinder the investigation.

SB 15 (Levy) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards

League Position: **Support**

Action: Passed on to the State Senate

This bill would increase the Cal Grant C award amount from \$542 to \$2,462 for community college students in a career technical education programs.

SB 68 (Lara) Nonresident Tuition

League Position: **Support**

Action: Passed on to the State Assembly

This bill would extend in-state tuition or state financial aid to undocumented students who were brought to California as children and have spent at least two years at a California community college and one year in K-12.

SB 577 (Dodd) Teacher Credentialing Programs

League Position: **Watch**

Action: Passed on to the State Assembly

This bill would establish a pilot project permitting up to five community college districts in areas with an established teacher shortage to offer teaching credentialing programs.

SB 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

League Position: **Support**

Action: Passed on to the State Assembly

This bill would extend the sunset of the baccalaureate degree pilot program to 2029. SB 769 would also extend the pilot program to 10 additional colleges as long as the degree program is not offered at either the California State University or University of California.

Budget Differences to Be Addressed by Senate and Assembly

With the budget deadline less than two weeks away, the Assembly and Senate are fully engrossed in Conference Committee hearings. The differences between the Assembly and Senate versions of the budget bill are worked out in a Conference Committee made up of five members from each house. Upon completion of its review, the Conference Committee submits a single version of the budget bill to both houses. The Senate and Assembly each vote on the final version before it is sent to Governor Brown.

Debate on the California Community College budget concerns two key questions: At what level to fund Proposition 98?, and what will be the fund source(s) for Assembly and Senate priorities?

The chart below highlights the differences in the revenue and sources of spending among the Governor, Assembly, and Senate.

Governor's Plan	Assembly's Plan	Senate's Plan
Prop 98: The Governor's plan provides CCC Proposition 98 funding of \$8 billion in 2015-16, \$8.2 billion in 2016-17, and \$8.6 billion in 2017-18. Under the plan, funding grows \$324 million (3.9 percent) from 2016-17 to 2017-18.	Prop 98: The Assembly's plan provides the same total CCC funding each year as the Governor's plan.	Prop 98: The Senate's plan provides the same total CCC funding as the other plans in 2015-16 and 2016-17. However, in 2017-18 the Senate's plan provides \$57 million less than the other plans.
Base: \$183.6 million for operational costs above growth and COLA.	Base: \$183.6 million for operational costs above growth and COLA.	Base: \$183.6 million for operational costs above growth and COLA.
Deferred Maintenance: The Governor's plan provides \$136 million.	Deferred Maintenance: The Assembly plan provides \$62 million.	Deferred Maintenance: The Senate plan provides \$89 million.

The Senate and Assembly have the following six community college issues to discuss in Conference Committee.

Community College Affordability:

Conference issues include the Senate proposals to provide \$50 million for the Community College Completion Grant and \$1.12 million for Financial Aid Administration; and the Assembly proposals to provide \$50 million for the Full-Time Student Success Grant, and \$32 million for a free-tuition proposal that waives fees for first-time, full-time freshman regardless of need. While both the Assembly and Senate have a proposal to fund grants to students enrolled full-time, the Conference Committee will have to decide whether to define full-time as 12 units (Assembly proposal) or 15 units (Senate proposal).

Veterans Resource Centers:

Conference issues include the amount of funding for veteran resource centers, its fund source, duration of funding, and trailer bill language.

Guided Pathways Program:

Conference issues include the amount of funding for statewide assistance. The Assembly is proposing to allocate 15%, or \$22.5 million for statewide technical assistance. The Senate proposal is consistent with the Governor's plan to allocate 15%, or \$15 million for statewide technical assistance.

CTE Pathways:

Conference issues include funding for the Strong Workforce Program (SWP) and apprenticeship programs. The Senate rejected the Governor's CTE Pathways Program proposal which would integrate the CTE Pathways Program into SWP, and redirected \$15.4 million to the California Department of Education (CDE) with the remainder to stay in the Strong Workforce Program

(SWP). The Assembly instead proposes to increase funding for the CTE Pathways Program on the K-12 side by redirecting \$15 million from the Local Control Funding Formula, allowing SWP funding to remain at \$248 million. The Assembly also carves out \$10 million Proposition 98 General Fund from SWP to support the creation or expansion of CTE programs in areas with high unemployment.

Compton Community College:

Conference issues include the funding level and trailer bill language associated with Compton College. The Assembly proposal fully supports the funding necessary to transition Compton to a fully accredited stand-alone college.

Other Proposal:

Conference issues include the Senate's funding proposal for Title IX training and the Fund for Student Success; and the Assembly's funding proposal for the College Promise Grants, and Umoja.

The League will continue to monitor the budget process and advocate for colleges' highest priority of base resources that recognize the growing costs to offer quality educational opportunities. For questions about budget advocate, please contact Lizette Navarette at Lizette@ccleague.org. Copies of budget advocacy materials can be accessed at www.ccleague.org/policy.

President Trump Proposes Significant Education Budget Cuts

Last month, President Trump released his budget proposal for fiscal year 2018. In order to increase funding for defense programs and the southern border wall construction, his budget proposes significant cuts to the non-discretionary, non-defense portion of the budget. Both the Department of Education and the Department of Labor are proposed to take deep cuts. It is important to note that these cuts do not reflect the bipartisan spending deal that congress reached in April that either kept funding levels stable or slightly increased funding for programs important to community colleges and its students.

Proposed 2018 Budget Cuts - Nationwide

- Pell Grants
 - Maximum award remains flat at \$5,920.
 - Implements year-round Pell.
 - Cuts \$3.9 billion from the current surplus of \$10.6 billion (-37%).
- Cuts Federal Work-Study Programs by \$488 million (-49%)
- Elimination of Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, a cut of \$733 million (-100%)
- Eliminates subsidized student loans and public service loan forgiveness for new student loan borrowers.
- Workforce and Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA):
 - Adult Education Grant cut by \$326 million (-40%)
 - Dislocated Worker Grants cut by \$385 million (-39%)
 - Youth Grants cut by \$457 million (-52%)
- Perkins Act cut by \$166 million (-15%)

- GEAR UP cut by \$104 million (-32%)
- Adult Basic Education cut by \$96 million (-16%)
- TRIO cut by \$92 million (-10%)

The table below includes the current federal funding levels for California Community Colleges and the impact of proposed cuts on students and community college programs.

PROGRAMS	2015-2016 Funding Levels*	Proposed Cuts: Percentage	Proposed Cuts: Recipients or Dollars
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) recipients	83,568 Recipients	-100%	-83,568 Recipients
Total Federal SEOG funds awarded	\$33,058,043 Million		-\$33,058,043
Number of students participating in Federal Work-Study program	10,403 Students	-49%	-5,098 Recipients
Total Federal Work-Study program funds awarded	\$27,977,678 Million		-\$13,709,062
Number of subsidized loan recipients	33,901 Subsidized Recipients	Eliminates subsidized student loan program.	-33,907 Recipients
Total TRIO funds	\$48,312,008 Million	-10%	- \$4,831,200
Total Perkins Career and Technical Education Act funds	\$61,027,859 Million	-15%	-\$9,154,178
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds	Unknown, but significant funding. Determination would require a survey of the 47 WIBs.	Adult Education Grants: -40% Dislocated Worker Grants: -39% Youth Grants: -15%	Unknown

*Federal funding levels determined by the Community College Chancellor's Office

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