



# Office of Government Relations

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

## June 2015 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Classified Leadership Institute**

June 4-6  
Granlibakken, Tahoe City

#### **Last Day for Bills to Pass House of Origin**

June 5th

#### **Policy Committee Meetings Resume**

June 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **Constitutional Deadline for Legislature to Pass a Budget**

June 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **Consultation Council**

June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Community College  
Chancellor's Office

#### **Start of the 2015-16 Fiscal Year**

July 1<sup>st</sup>

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### Budget Proposals Invest in Community Colleges

Earlier this month, Governor Brown released his May revision to the 2015-16 budget proposed in January. As expected, he projected revenues slightly in excess of \$6 billion above the January estimates, with most of these funds targeted to schools and community colleges due to the provisions of Proposition 98. With the new revenues, Governor Brown made significant investments in increasing the community college base allocation, faculty support, and revised the system growth target to 3% as well as provided one-time funding increases for deferred maintenance and instructional equipment.

Meanwhile, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) predicted an additional \$3 billion above the Administration's projections, with virtually all of it also required to be spent on schools and community colleges. While both the Assembly and the Senate propose funding based on the LAO projections, it is important to note that for the past several years the final budget has reflected Governor Brown's lower revenue numbers.

The Assembly and the Senate budget committees have both considered and adopted their versions of the 2015-16 budget. Using the LAO's higher projections, both propose to fully restore the EOPS, CALWorks and Part-Time Faculty Office Hours categoricals to their pre-recession funding levels. Additionally the Assembly has made significant investments in financial aid by proposing to double the number of competitive Cal Grants and increase the Cal Grant B Access award. The Senate has proposed funding to help implement the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program.

Differences between the Assembly and Senate budget proposals will be reconciled in conference committee, chaired by Senator Mark Leno, with Assemblymember Shirley Weber serving as vice-chair. Other members of the committee are Assemblymembers Richard Bloom and Melissa Melendez; and Senators Ricardo Lara and Jim Nielsen.

The 2015-16 budget will be outstanding for California's community colleges. It will significantly increase our base allocation, continue to

make significant investments in student success and equity, provide resources to hire more faculty and fund robust growth throughout the system. However, it is important to remember that our districts face a number of upcoming cost pressures. The pending CalSTRS/PERS employer contribution increases, the potential expiration of revenues generated via Proposition 30 and the lost purchasing power over the past several years all combine to create an uncertain future for colleges.

For information about the budget, please visit the League's budget advocacy page. It includes the current status of the budget, as well as information on the effects of the budget on community colleges. It can be found by clicking [here](#).

### **Chart of Budget Proposals by Governor Brown, the Senate and Assembly**

Please [click here](#) for a chart comparing the May revision proposals of Governor Brown, the State Senate and the State Assembly. If you have any questions, please contact the League at (916) 444-8641.

### **Key Legislative Milestone Reached**

Last week a key legislative deadline was reached. All bills with a fiscal impact have now either been approved by their first fiscal committee (typically the Senate or Assembly Appropriations Committee) or will not go forward. A number of bills of interest to community colleges have been approved by these committees, significantly amended or held in committee. To see a full list of community college-related bills, click [here](#); following is information on a few high priority bills.

#### **League Sponsored Legislation:**

AB 288 (Holden): College and Career Access Pathways - Would make it easier for community college and school districts to collaborate on concurrent enrollment programs. **Passed.**

SB 605 (Gaines) Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Nevada Students – Would establish a pilot program for Nevada residents in the Lake Tahoe area to pay in-state tuition at Lake Tahoe Community College. **Passed.**

#### **League-Supported Legislation:**

AB 200 (Alejo) Competitive Cal Grants – Would have increased the number of Cal Grants to 100,000 by 2017-2018. In order to gain committee approval, the number of Cal Grants was reduced to 50,000 – which is still double the current number of 22,500. **Passed.**

#### **League-Opposed Legislation:**

AB 1010 (Medina) Part-time Faculty – Would mandate seniority rights for part-time faculty. **Passed.**

AB 626 (Low) Community Colleges: Employees --- Would have redirected community colleges to spend resources intended for student success and support to hiring full-time faculty. To gain committee approval, this bill has been amended to delete those provisions and instead would require stakeholders to adopt a plan to reach the 75 percent goal. **Passed.**

SB 373 (Pan) Full-Time Faculty Percentage. – Would have mandated that any new course sections that a college offers be taught by full-time faculty. **Held.**

**Other Items Bills of Interest:**

AB 968 (Williams) Postsecondary Education: Transcripts – Would require each system of higher education to note on a student's transcript that he/she has been suspended or expelled and the time period when/if that student is ineligible to re-enroll. **Passed.**

SB 42 (Liu) California Commission on Higher Education – Would create a governing body similar to the (former) California Postsecondary Education Commission. **Passed.**

SB 247 (Lara): Dream Centers: Educational Support Services – Would authorize community colleges to establish on-campus centers for providing support services to undocumented pupils. **Passed.**

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