



Office of Government Relations

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

August 2015 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

Student Trustee Workshop

August 14 – 16
Westin South Coast Plaza,
Costa Mesa

Legislature Reconvenes

August 17
Sacramento, CA

Last day for bills to be heard in Appropriations Committees.

August 28
Sacramento

Last day for bills to be passed by legislature.

September 11
Sacramento, CA

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to highlight? Send event info
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Capitol Context

On August 17th both the State Senate and Assembly will reconvene for their final month of legislative activity for 2015. They will consider a diverse array of bills, many of which will impact your district. Below are some high priority bills; for a full list please click [here](#). If you or anyone in your district has questions about these or other pieces of legislation, please contact the League at (916) 444-8641.

Sponsored Legislation

AB 288 (Holden): College and Career Access Pathways - Would authorize a community college district to enter in a partnership with a school district to offer or expand dual enrollment opportunities for students who may not already be college bound or are from groups underrepresented in higher education. – Currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. To download a letter in support of AB 288 to send to the committee, [click here](#).

SB 605 (Gaines) Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Nevada Students – Would increase educational opportunities in the Lake Tahoe area by establishing a pilot program for Nevada residents in the area to pay in-state tuition at Lake Tahoe Community College as long as Californians are permitted to pay in-state tuition at a neighboring Nevada college. — Currently on the Assembly floor.

Legislation of Concern

SB 42 (Liu) Commission on Higher Education Performance — Would create the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability (OHEPA) to replace the functions of the California Postsecondary Education Commission. Concerns have been expressed about the lack of independence of this office and the redundancy of responsibilities with other governance bodies. — Currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Opposed Legislation

AB 1010 (Medina) Part-time Faculty – Would limit employment flexibility by requiring districts to grant seniority rights to part-time faculty. — Currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1385 (Ting) Accreditation – Would require an affirmative vote of California Community College CEOs before the accrediting agency for the community colleges can assess a special fee to cover legal costs. — Currently on the Senate Floor.

AB 1397 (Ting) – Accreditation – Would enact numerous changes to the manner in which colleges are accredited via statute, thereby diluting the quality of, and weakening the flexibility of, the current process. — Currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Chancellor's Office Releases Draft Workforce Development Report

Earlier this month the Chancellor's Office released a rolling draft of the report created by the Taskforce on Workforce, Job Creation and a Strong Economy. This report is intended to offer suggestions on how community colleges can enhance their ability to offer the strong workforce development programs that will be needed to improve California's economy. The draft report focuses on seven major areas:

1. Workforce Data and Outcomes
2. Curriculum
3. Instructors
4. Structured Career Pathways
5. Structured Student Supports
6. Regional Coordination
7. Funding

For a summary of the recommendations, [click here](#). The entire report can be viewed by clicking [here](#). The full report will be finalized by August 24th so have any comments regarding the report should be forwarded to dwm@cccco.edu.

Must Reads

Financing the Future. Chapter 3: From Revenue to Results: Considering Today's Tax Proposals. California Forward, July 2015.

<https://cafwd.app.box.com/s/5zjogpla3ahj95cmfdaxhc5ein0eapmm>

This is the latest chapter of "*Financing the Future*" in which California Forward, a nonpartisan group that describes itself as "a catalyst for reform and change in California's governance," seeks to "broaden this year's critical conversation about tax reform – and to emphasize the fiscal, governance, and policy implications of tax proposals moving toward the 2016 ballot."

Specifically, this chapter addresses the following reform proposals which are either under consideration by the Legislature or are proposed by those seeking signatures to place measures on the November 2016 ballot – changes in taxes on sales, income, property, oil severance, tobacco, and marijuana; as well as changes in the homeowner tax exemption, new infrastructure charges, and reductions in vote requirements to allow more local agencies (including community college

trustees) to raise adequate local revenue to support local services. It briefly summarizes each and compares them on criteria including whether each: moves the state toward a better tax system, supports state policy objectives, promotes equity and fairness, produces adequate revenue, increases fiscal stability, and encourages economic growth and efficiency. In addition they suggest that a tax system which meets their criteria would prioritize revenue structures that encourage regional cooperation and restore local voter authority over local revenues.

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