Government Relations Agenda

• Budget Update

• Legislative Update
Budget Update
MONTHLY CASH REPORT

Preliminary General Fund agency cash receipts for the first eight months of the fiscal year were $14.34 billion above the 2021-22 Governor’s Budget forecast of $111.518 billion. Cash receipts for the month of February were $3.801 billion above the 2021-22 Governor’s Budget forecast of $4.994 billion. A significant amount of receipts above the January forecast is due to lower refunds caused by a later enactment date for the Golden State Stimulus than expected at the Governor’s Budget, as well as a delayed opening date of the tax filing season by the Internal Revenue Service.
• Possibility of a modest increase of ongoing

• Reserves- constitutionally required

• Gann Limit- Any significant amount of state tax revenue received above the Gann Limit leads to future tax rebates or tax cuts.
May Revise: What to Expect?

One-time

- Likelihood we will experience an increase in one-time
- Strategic investments
  - What options should policymakers be considering?
- Enrollment
  - Student services
  - Reenrollment efforts
  - Financial aid reform
The IRS tax filing deadline is May 17.
Advocacy Efforts
April & May 2021

League Partner with faculty and students
• An unallocated base augmentation or COLA increase
• Address deferrals if new dollars are available
• Financial Aid reform that addresses total cost of attendance

• After May Revise
  • Addressing any new revenues
  • Any proposed changes from the Administration
  • Last push for League priorities
Senate Democrats Budget Priorities for 2021-22 and Beyond
A decade of responsible budgeting helped deal with recession without massive, widespread program cuts --- unlike in past recoveries, State does not need to first restore billions cuts before making new investments.

Tens of billions of available one-time and ongoing General Fund revenues and federal American Rescue Plan funds Allows bold action.

A proactive federal government that largely shares California’s values appears poised to make bold changes for infrastructure, safety net programs, and health care.
Senate Democrats Proposal
Transformative Build Back Boldly:

- Debt-Free College
- Path to Universal 0-3 Early Care and Education
- Homelessness, Housing Affordability & Homeownership
- Wildfire Prevention and Resilience
- Drought Protection
- Health Care Access and Affordability
- Small Business and Non-Profits Bounce-Back
- State Systems Improvements
Part 1: Improve and fill gaps in the current Cal Grant Program:

• Provide full tuition award for Cal Grant B students (currently, lowest income families that get Cal Grant B do not receive tuition support in their first year).

• Replace GPA requirements with “good standing requirement” to be consistent with other financial aid programs.

• Remove the age cap and “one year out of high school” rules that keep out non-traditional students.

• Expand the Student Success Completion Grant to all community college students, increase the awards, and provide prorated awards for part-time students.
Senate Democrats Proposal
Higher Education Package

- Eliminate planned ongoing cuts to UC and CSU.
- Increase funding for expand enrollment at UC and CSU:
  - One-time funds for capital costs/property acquisition to enable enrollment expansions.
  - Phase down non-resident students to reasonable level and replace with California resident students – and backfill lost out-of-state tuition revenues for universities.
- Maximize flexible funding for Community Colleges from their share of the anticipated historic growth in Proposition 98 funds.
- Accelerate repayment of Community College Deferrals to relieve cash pressures for community college districts.
Advocating for an E-Shaped Recovery

Economic recovery starts with **Equity.**
And it starts **right now.**

When we invest in **California Community Colleges,** we all advance.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA**

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#EShapedRecovery
Legislative Update:
Bills of Interest
League Priority Bills:
AB 102 (Holden) Dual Enrollment Expansion
AB 927 (Medina) Community College Baccalaureate Degree
AB 1456 (Medina) Financial Aid Reform

Academic Affairs:
AB 928 (Berman) Transfer
AB 1040 (Muratsuchi) Ethnic Studies
AB 1111 (Berman) Common Course ID

Collective Bargaining:
AB 275 (Medina) Classified Employees
AB 438 (Reyes) Classified Employees: Layoff Notices and Hearings
SB 205 (Leyva) Sick Leave
SB 270 (Durazo) Employee Information

Basic Needs:
AB 775 (Berman) Basic Needs
AB 940 (McCarty) Student Mental Health
AB 1326 (Arambula) County Higher Education Liaisons

Facilities:
AB 306 (O’Donnell) Employee Housing
AB 1377 (McCarty) Student Housing

Fiscal and Funding:
AB 421 (Ward) CDCP Reimbursement Rates
AB 576 (Maienschein) Military Bases

Governance:
AB 337 (Medina) BOG Student Member
AB 1216 (Salas) Student Trustees
AB 1432 (Low) Calbright
Priority Bills: AB 102 (Holden) and AB 927 (Medina)

**AB 102 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways: County Offices of Education**

Would make the College and Career Access Pathway (CCAP) program permanent by eliminating its sunset date and permit community college districts to enter into College and Career Access Pathway programs with County Offices of Education.

CCLC Position: Support

Location: Assembly Education Committee

**AB 927 (Medina) Community College Baccalaureate Degree Programs**

Would remove the current sunset date on the California community college baccalaureate degree program and would expand eligibility so that all community colleges could participate.

CCLC Position: Support

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee
AB 1456 (Medina) Cal Grant Reform

Would change the state’s system of financial aid to focus on the specific needs of students at two-year and four-year colleges:

Cal Grant 2 – Community College Students
• Provides an access award of $1,656 and ties award level to inflation
• Removes eligibility requirements relating to age, GPA, and time out of high school.
• Significant expansion in number of students eligible for award.

Cal Grant 4 – Four Year Institutions
• Award level tied to tuition.

CCLC Position: Support

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee
Priority Bills: Legislative Action

Focus on:
AB 102 (Holden) Dual Enrollment
AB 927 (Medina) BA Degrees
AB 1456 (Medina) Cal Grant Reform

Toolkit: https://ccleague.org/advocacy/legislative-actions

Contains:
• Summary of bill
• Talking points
• Template support letter
AB 928 (Berman) Transfer

Would do the following:

• Create an intersegmental committee focused on ensuring ADT’s are the primary transfer pathway for community college students transferring to the UC, CSU, and other institutions.

• Require the UC and CSU to form one transfer pathway by 2024.

• Mandate that all community college students be automatically placed into an associate degree for transfer pathway. Students who are interested in obtaining a regular associate’s degree or transfer to the UC would be required to opt out of the pathway.
AB 1040 (Muratsuchi) Ethnic Studies
Starting of the 2022-23 academic year, this bill would mandate community colleges to require a three-unit ethnic studies class for graduation.

CCLC Position: Support

AB 1111 (Berman) Common Course ID
Would require California’s community colleges to create a common number system.
AB 275 (Medina) Classified Employees

Currently, colleges and collective bargaining units are permitted to negotiate the length of a probationary period for a newly hired employee for up to one year. This bill would reduce the maximum length of time from one year to six months.

CCLC Position: Oppose

Location: State Senate

AB 438 (Reyes) Classified Employee Layoff Notices

Would require the same rights to a hearing and notices for classified employees when a K-12 or community college district is considering layoffs due to fiscal problems.

CCLC Position: Oppose

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 205 (Leyva) Employee Sick Leave

Would require an employee who exhausts all available sick leave and continues to be absent from duties on account of illness or accident to receive the employee’s full salary for an additional period of 5 months.

CCLC Position: Oppose  Location: Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 270 (Durazo) Employee Contact Information

Would make public employers liable for fines up to $10,000 and attorney’s fees if a successful unfair labor practice charge was filed against the public employer for either deliberately or making a mistake in providing incorrect employee contact information to their collective bargaining agents.

CCLC Position: Oppose  Location: Senate Appropriations Committee
Bills of Interest: Basic Needs

AB 775 (Berman) Basic Needs Coordinator and Centers
Would mandate that community colleges create a full-time staff position focused on connecting students to programs to help alleviate basic needs at both the college, county, and state levels. Additionally, colleges will be required to form a basic needs center on campus that would serve as a one-stop center for students seeking to obtain these services.

AB 940 (McCarty) Student Mental Health
Would appropriate an unspecified amount of dollars from funds generated by Proposition 63 to go towards student mental health programs at the UC, CSU, and Community Colleges.
CCLC Position: Support
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1326 (Arambulo) County Higher Education Liaisons
Would require counties to establish a dedicated staff person to liaison with higher education institutions located in their jurisdictions to connect college students with county human and health services.
CCLC Position: Support
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
Bills of Interest: Facilities

AB 306 (O’Donnell) Student and Employee Housing
Would exclude any housing built on a school or community college district property for students and employees from Department of State Architect oversight.

CCLC Position: Support
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1377 (McCarty) Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund
Would establish a revolving loan fund in which the community colleges, California State University, and the University of California can access to build affordable student housing. It would fund this program by creating a continuous appropriation towards the fund in which the State Treasurer can utilize as security for issuing bonds.

CCLC Position: Support
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 421 (Ward) CDCP Reimbursement Rates
Would permit CDCP courses to be funded via positive attendance or on a census date apportionment.

CCLC Position: Support
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 576 (Maienschein) Apportionment for on Military Bases
Would waive the open course requirements for courses taught on a closed military base.

CCLC Position: Support
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
Bills of Interest: Governance

**AB 337 (Medina) Board of Governors – Student Members**
Would provide full voting rights for the second member of the Board of Governors.

CCLC Position: **Support**
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB 1432 (Low) Calbright College**
Would eliminate Calbright College commencing with the end of the 2022-23 academic year.

CCLC Position: **Oppose**
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 1216 (Salas) Student Trustees

Originally would have encouraged the Chancellor’s Office to form a workgroup to study the feasibility of giving student trustees a full vote and mandate the following:

• An advisory vote for a student trustee.
• Ability to make motions and seconds.
• Equal pay between community and student-elected trustees.
• Participation in closed sessions, with the exception of those related to collective bargaining or personnel matters.
QUESTIONS