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AB 811 (M. Fong) Repeatability

Would increase the number of times a student may take a credit course for which they received a substandard grade up to five times. Students who received a satisfactory grade would be permitted to repeat a course at least three times for personal enrichment. Recent amendments narrowed this legislation to focus on the arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and ESL.

Position: WATCH

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, hearing on April 18th

AB 634 (Ward) CDCP Programs

Would require CDCP courses to be funded via a positive attendance funding count or on a census date basis, depending on when and how often the course meets either in person or online.

Position: SUPPORT

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 260 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Part-Time Employees
Would require the ratio of pay for part-time faculty members to be equal to their full-time colleagues. This is a requirement upon receipt of funds allocated for student success categorical programs and thus would not be a reimbursable mandate.

Position: OPPOSE
Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, hearing on April 18th

AB 1190 (Irwin) Part-Time Faculty Office Hours
Originally this bill would have created a prescriptive formula on the number of office hours a college would be required to assign to a part-time faculty member. It recently took amendments that delete the above provisions and instead would require colleges to pay for part-time office hours in an equal ratio to full-time faculty members.

Position: CONCERN
Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, hearing on April 18th
AB 358 (Addis) Field Act Exemption
Would exempt community college housing from the Field Act, which requires the Department of General Services to supervise the design and construction of school buildings, except upon request by the community college district.

Position: SUPPORT
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 532 (Wiener) Enhanced Transparency for Local Tax Measures
Would enable local jurisdictions to provide enhanced information in the voter information guide rather than on the 75-word ballot label, which does not provide enough space for appropriate context and explanation, ultimately causing confusion among voters.

Position: SUPPORT
Location: Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee, April 18th hearing
AB 91 (Alvarez) Exemption from Non-Resident Tuition: SDICCCA

Would exempt from the nonresident tuition fee a nonresident, low-income student who is a resident of Mexico, registers for lower division courses at a San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCCA) college and has residence within 45 miles of the California-Mexico border. The bill would, in any academic year, prohibit more than 150 FTES at each SDICCCA college from being exempted from payment of the nonresident tuition fee.

Position: SUPPORT

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 610 (Holden) Transit Passes

Would create a free student transit program by awarding grants to transit agencies for the costs of creating, designing, developing, advertising, distributing, and implementing free transit passes to persons attending certain educational institutions, providing free transit service to holders of those passes.

Position: SUPPORT

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 680 (Rubio) Non-Resident Tuition
Would create a new AB 540 pathway for community college students to qualify for in-state tuition at any California public college or university by (1) completing 60-semester or 90-quarter units of credit in a California community college or (2) attaining an associate degree for transfer.

**Position:** SUPPORT

**Location:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1542 (Fong) Student BOG Member Support
Would increase the pay of each student member of the Board of Governors to $4,000 per semester via the Student Success Completion Grant.

**Position:** SUPPORT

**Location:** Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 18th hearing
SB 629 (Cortese) Community Colleges: fee waivers

Would authorize any community college district to adopt a policy that uses local unrestricted general funds to provide fee waivers to students with the greatest financial need. Funds can be used to assist students with addressing their total cost of attendance. Districts who benefit from this policy must ensure that 100% of students are completing FAFSA or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and the district has a fully staffed Basic Needs Center.

Position: SUPPORT
Location: Senate Education Committee, April 26th hearing
AB 1400 (Bryan) Community College Transfers to Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Would provide up to $5,000 financial aid scholarships to community college students who are transferring to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Students must have completed an associate degree for transfer pathway, and HBCUs must have an ADT MOU with the CCC Chancellor’s Office. For funding purposes, would redirect current funds received through the College Access Tax Credit Fund.

ACL Position: SUPPORT

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 18th hearing
AB 1142 (Fong) CPEC 2.0

Would establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California, composed of five public members appointed by the Senate, Assembly, and Governor. Among other items, it would be empowered to:

• Set performance targets for enrollment and completion statewide and by region.
• Conduct a review of statewide and regional gaps in enrollment, completion, and other matters.
• Review and make recommendations on how to create efficiencies in cross-segmental cooperation.
• Evaluate how each segment is responding to the goals outlined by the Governor in the 2022-23 budget.

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee
AB 1541 (Fong) Student Voting Members

Would give each student member of the Board of Trustees of a community college district an advisory vote.

Position: SUPPORT

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 18th hearing
AB 252 (Holden) Student Athlete Protection Act

Would create a regulatory agency empowered to investigate and manage California collegiate athletic practices related to student academic, mental, and physical health. Additionally, it mandates the creation of a degree completion fund for student-athletes that obtain an athletic scholarship.

Position: OPPOSE

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 18th hearing

AB 299 (Holden) Hazing: Institutional Liability

Would make educational institutions, including community colleges, liable for hazing activities occurring within student body organizations affiliated with those institutions.

Position: OPPOSE

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 18th hearing
Budget Update
How Likely Are Revenues to Differ From Budget Projections?

Chances of big three (personal income, corporation, and sales) tax revenues coming in below or above Governor's Budget for 2022-23:

- Legislative Analyst’s Office
- Updated 2022-23
- "Big Three" Revenue Outlook
- March 15, 2023
How Much Could Revenues Differ From Budget Projections?

Our best guess is $5b below Governor's Budget projections for 2022-23, but many outcomes are possible. The shaded area shows the most likely outcomes.
California relies in large part on taxing the incomes of the wealthiest Californians.

Alphabet, the parent company of Google, one of the state’s most prominent corporations, said in January that it was cutting 12,000 workers worldwide.

Silicon Valley Bank, a key lender to tech start-ups, collapsed last month, sending the federal government scrambling to limit the fallout.

Disney, based in Burbank, announced in February that it would eliminate 7,000 jobs worldwide.
In March, the UCLA Anderson Forecast, suggested two possible scenarios — one in which a recession is avoided and another in which it occurs toward the end of this year.

“Even in our recession scenario we have a mild recession,” said Jerry Nickelsburg, director of the Anderson Forecast.

California’s economy is likely to be better off than the national one, according to the report, which cited increased demand for software and defense goods, areas in which California is a leader.

Mr. Nickelsburg also said the state’s rainy-day fund was healthy enough to withstand the decline in tax revenues.
Whatever the final COLA calculation is in May, it seems likely that it would require virtually all new ongoing funding, leaving the Legislature with little ability to create new ongoing programs or to augment some existing programs with historically strong legislative support.
The Subcommittee could consider the following questions:

- Do the LAO or DOF have an update on what the COLA may be in the May Revise?
- What are the Legislature’s options if there is not enough ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to fully cover a COLA?
- How many colleges will start to see budget impacts of lowered enrollment in 2023-24?
- What about 2024-25?
- How can the Legislature ensure that money earmarked for increasing full-time faculty is being used for that purpose?
Questions
Thank you and see you at the next GR webinar on May 16th