# Advisory Committee on Legislation March 11, 2024



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA



### Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

31 January

Last day for each house to pass 2-year bills.

<mark>26 April</mark>

Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees, fiscal bills introduced in their house.

17 May

Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house. (Suspense Day)

Last day for bills to be introduced.

16 February

Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house.

3 May

Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.

24 May

### Committee Hearings

#### **Assembly Higher Education Committee**

- Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Senate Education Committee**

- Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>





## Committee Hearing: SB 895 (Roth): BSN Programs

Senate Education Committee
Wednesday, April 10th: 9:00 AM
Support letters due by Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> by noon



#### AB 1818 (Jackson): Homeless Students: Parking

Requires each CCC, CSU, and UC campus to allow overnight parking by a homeless student attending its campus if the student uses the vehicle as housing and has a valid parking permit. Prohibits each campus from citing or penalizing the student.

\*This policy proposal is identical to AB 302 (Berman, 2019), which the League opposed. AB 302's cost estimate for the CCC: \$500,000/campus; 36 million total

Location: Assembly Higher Education Committee, March 12th Hearing

#### AB 2088 (McCarty): Senior Management Employees

This bill is a spot bill that doesn't make any serious changes to the law. It has been identified as a potential vehicle for which would have provided classified TK-12 and community college classified staff the right of first refusal for new classified positions.

\* This might become AB 1699 (McCarty, 2023)- CCLC position: OPPOSE, Vetoed by the Governor

Location: has not been referred

#### AB 2193 (Holden): Hazing Accountability

This bill would create civil liability for higher education institutions in the state if they are directly involved in, knew, or should have known about, but failed to stop, or unreasonably failed to prevent or discover hazing practices by an affiliated student organization. The bill would consider specific anti-hazing measures in place at the institution when determining liability.

\* Re-introduction of AB 299 (Holden, 2023)- CCLC position: OPPOSE, Vetoed by the Governor; Author expects to amend the bill to add a safer harbor per CSU request

Location: Assembly Judiciary Committee, March 19th hearing

### AB 2328 (M. Fong): Classified employees: school and community college districts: merit system: disciplinary action

This bill would prohibit a permanent classified employee from being demoted or removed for any cause that arose two years preceding the date of the filing. Unless the cause was concealed or not disclosed by the employee, and it could be assumed that the employee should have notified the district.

Location: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Staff Recommendation: OPPOSE unless amended

• It should be increased to 4 years, as 2 years is too limiting.

### AB 2421 (Low): Employer-employee relations: Confidential Communications

This bill would prohibit most public employers, including a higher education employer or the district from questioning any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation.

Location: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

#### AB 2277 (Wallis): Part-time Faculty

This bill increases the maximum amount of instructional hours that a part-time California Community College (CCC) faculty member may teach at any one community college district.

\*Re-introduction on AB 1856 (Medina, 2022), Vetoed by the Governor

**Location:** Assembly Higher Education Committee

#### SB 984 (Wahab): Project Labor Agreements

This bill would require a state agency, including California Community Colleges, when undertaking a major state construction project to use a project labor agreement when the project is funded by a state bond.

Location: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

#### AB 2707 (M. Fong): Student Housing Study

This would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study evaluating the age demographics of housing-insecure community college students to identify the issues and unique barriers that community college students 25 years of age and older face in securing housing. The bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to submit a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2027, with the results of the study, including policy recommendations.

\*Sponsored by the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC)

**Location:** Assembly Higher Education Committee

## AB 2852 (Garcia): California-Mexico Higher Education Exchange Program

This bill would establish, until January 1, 2031, the California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program for 400 students who attend a campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges to attend universities in Mexico and for 400 students who attend a university in Mexico to attend a campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges each year, as provided.

**Location:** Assembly Higher Education Committee

## AB 2931 (M. Fong): classified employees: merit system: part-time student-tutors

This bill would exempt from the classified service part-time students employed part time as student-tutors by their community college district of enrollment.

Location: has not been referred

## AB 3015 (Ramos): Nonresident Tuition and Fees Exemption: Federally Recognized Tribes

Would expand the non-resident tuition exemption to a student who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, as defined, whose tribal land lies across the state border of California and Arizona, Nevada, or Oregon, and the student has a residence in the bordering state.

\*Similar to AB 91 (Alvarez, 2023), ACL position: SUPPORT, Approved by the Governor

**Location:** has not been referred

## ACR 147 (Alvarez): First-Generation College Celebration Day

Would designate November 8, 2024, as "California's First-Generation College Celebration Day." The resolution would urge all higher education institutions in the state to celebrate California's First-Generation College Celebration Day, recognize the significant role of first-generation college students in developing the state's future workforce, celebrate the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, and support first-generation college students with opportunities and equity in completing their desired degree programs.

\*Assembly Concurrent Resolution.

**Location:** Assembly Higher Education Committee



### Dual Enrollment Legislation

#### AB 359 (Holden): College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

This bill among other provisions, would authorize a community college district to enter into a CCAP partnership outside of its service area if the local college district has denied a request to establish a CCAP partnership. Removes the requirement for a high school principal to individually recommend students to participate in dual enrollment courses. Allows courses to be offered in a synchronous or asynchronous online format.

**Location:** Senate Rules

SB 1244 (Newman) Pupil instruction: dual enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships
This bill would authorize a community college district to enter into a CCAP partnership to offer dual enrollment courses with a school district, county office of education, or charter school within the service area of another community college district if the community college district in the service area has declined a request from, or has failed to take action within 60 calendar days of a request to either enter into a CCAP partnership or to approve another community college district to enter into a CCAP partnership to offer those courses.

**Location:** Senate Education Committee

### Nursing Legislation: Multicriteria screening process

#### AB 1891 (Weber): Allied Health Programs

The bill would authorize community colleges to use multi-criteria screening (MCS) for all allied health programs.

\*Sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

#### Nursing Legislation: Multicriteria screening process

#### SB 1183 (Hurtado) Community colleges: registered nursing programs

Would add living in a medically underserved area or population, as designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, to the list of life experiences or special circumstances specified for consideration in a multicriteria screening process.

**Location:** Senate Education Committee

#### AB 2532 (Mathis) Community colleges: registered nursing programs

Current law authorizes a community college registered nursing program, if it determines that the number of applicants to the program exceeds its capacity, to admit students to the program using a multicriteria screening process. This bill would add residing within a medically underserved area, as specified, to the list of life experiences or special circumstances specified for consideration in a multicriteria screening process.

### AB 1914 (Grayson): Model Curriculum: providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities

This bill would require the Chancellor's Office to develop a model curriculum for a certification program for providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities, designed to be offered at community colleges where there is sufficient student interest and a properly qualified faculty to sustain a certification program.

### AB 2104 (Soria): Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

This bill would authorize 15 community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The Chancellor would identify eligible community college districts based on specified criteria, including:

- (A) Districts that demonstrate equitable access to the pilot program, with a focus on regions showing a need for healthcare professionals. This includes regions with a projected significant growth rate above 7% over the years 2025 to 2030 and regions encompassing northern, central, and southern parts of the state.
- (B) Districts located in underserved nursing areas.
- (C) Districts where the service area includes communities with persistent poverty.

### SB 1042 (Roth): Clinical Nursing Placements

Would require all nursing programs to report their clinical placement needs, and would also require health facilities to report their capacity to provide clinical placement slots for nursing students. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) and the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to utilize the data in both reports to confer with health facilities within the appropriate geographic region of each program to match available clinical placement slots with nursing programs' needed placements.

\*Sponsored by The United Nurses Association of California (UNAC). The author will be amending the bill to better align with the operations of the HCAI and the BRN, reducing potential costs to their agencies.

**Location:** Senate Health Committee

### AB 1160 (Pacheco) Debt Collection

Requires institutions to grant a one-time exemption from an enrollment or registration hold to students who owe an institutional debt. This exemption shall occur in the first instance where a student incurs institutional debt that would otherwise trigger an enrollment or registration hold following the completion of an academic term. Requires institutions to wait 180 days after alerting students of their institutional debt before engaging with third-party debt collectors. Prohibits institutions from withholding diplomas due to an unpaid debt.

- Glendale CCD Feedback: 10 years ago, Glendale got rid of registration holds to increase student enrollment. Spring 2021, the institution incurred \$12 mil in unpaid tuition debt; \$1.3 mil was owed by international students. Fall 2022, they reinstated reg holds and received ½ of what was owed back.
- Staff Feedback: Do we maintain a "concern" position or formally oppose?

### AB 2033 (Reyes) Community College EBT

This bill would require, on or before September 1, 2025, at least one convenience or grocery store located on each campus of the California Community Colleges to accept the use of EBT cards.

\*Sponsored by the Student Senate for California Community Colleges

### AB 2093 (Santiago) BDP College Promise

This bill would expand the California College Promise to first-time or returning students who are enrolled full-time in a CCC baccalaureate degree program. The fee waiver would apply for two additional academic years. The bill also would add to the College Promise funding formula the number of students who matriculate into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program.

\*Sponsored by LACCD

### AB 2150 (Arambula) Public Social Services

Would require a county human services agency to receive input from basic needs directors and basic needs coordinators when developing the protocols for engagement between the county human services agency and institutions of public higher education; requires the department, in consultation with staff liaisons and basic needs directors or basic needs coordinators, to develop and facilitate training on topics related to determining student eligibility for public social services; it requires the department to convene a workgroup that includes all 58 county staff liaisons and representatives from segments of postsecondary education; requires the department, in collaboration with the workgroup, to (1) discuss enrollment trends in public social services programs and (2) identify barriers to enrollment and action to resolve those barriers.

**Location:** Assembly Human Services

### AB 2458 (Berman) Student Parents

This bill would require information on student parent internet web pages to include information on federal and state tax credits, state and federal financial aid applications and programs, and the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program. The bill would require each CCC, UC, and CSU campus to

- (1) develop and implement a campus policy for estimating and adjusting cost of attendance information for student parents
- (2) establish a data field in the campus's data management information system to identify student parents for certain purposes, and
- (3) update its campus net price calculator to include a baseline student-parent cost estimate.

### AB 2901 (Aguiar-Curry): School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave

This bill expands existing leave of absence for K-12 and Community Colleges employees by providing them with full pay, with a maximum of 14 weeks, regardless of other accrued leave.

Location: has not been referred

### AB 2407 (Hart) Public postsecondary educational institutions: sexual harassment complaints: state audits

This bill requires the California State Auditor to conduct an audit beginning in 2026, and every 3 years thereafter, of the three public segments regarding their respective handling and investigation of sexual harassment complaints, and would require the findings of those audits to be reported to the legislature.

### AB 2499 (Schiavo) Unlawful employment practices: discrimination for time off

The bill would expand the eligibility for reasonable accommodations to include an employee who is a victim or the family member of a victim of a qualifying act of violence. This bill would apply to most of California's employers.

**Location:** Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

## AB 3110 (M. Fong): Community colleges: pre-apprenticeship programs

This bill would provide that courses associated with these preapprenticeship programs are eligible for state apportionment funding.

Location: has not been referred

### AB 2370 (Cervantes): Faculty: artificial intelligence

This bill would prohibit artificial intelligence from being used to replace community college faculty for purposes of providing academic instruction to, and regular interaction with, students in a course of instruction, and would authorize artificial intelligence to only be used as a peripheral tool to support faculty in carrying out those tasks for uses such as course development, assessment, and tutoring.

\*Sponsored by the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Location: has not been referred

### SB 1015 (Cortese): Nursing Schools and Programs

This bill would require the Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee to study specified topics and to submit a report making recommendations to the Legislature regarding how approved schools of nursing or nursing programs should manage or coordinate clinical placements.

**Location:** Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee

## SB 995 (Padilla): High-Quality Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act

The bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University to create a 5-year pilot program starting in the 2025–26 school year. This program would aim to recruit high-quality teaching candidates at three CSU campuses in partnership with three community college campuses.

The pilot program must meet specific requirements, including establishing a transfer model curriculum and an associate degree for transfer at a community college. This degree could then be completed at a CSU campus, resulting in the student earning a bachelor's degree and a teaching credential in four years.

Location: Senate Education Committee

### Title IX Legislation

AB 810 (Friedman): Hiring practices: academic, athletic, and administrative appointments.

AB 1905 (Addis): California State University: terms of employment.

AB 2048 (M. Fong): Discrimination prevention: campus-based offices.

AB 2326 (Alvarez): Sex discrimination policies.

**AB 2492 (Irwin):** Public postsecondary education: sex discrimination complaints: advocates and coordinators.

AB 2608 (Gabriel): Sexual violence and sexual harassment: training.

SB 1166 (Dodd): Prevention of discrimination.

SB 1491 (Eggman): Disclosures: Equity in Higher Education Act: Title IX: exemptions.



#### Department of Finance: February Finance Bulletin

- Preliminary General Fund agency cash receipts were \$5 billion, or 19.7 percent, below the 2024-25 Governor's Budget forecast for January.
- And were \$5.9 billion, or 4.8 percent, below the fiscal year-to-date forecast of \$121.5 billion.
- The primary driver of the cumulative shortfall was personal income tax estimated payments, which were \$4.6 billion below forecast
- Corporate tax cash receipts were \$980 million below forecast due to \$552 million in higher corporate refunds and \$223 million in lower estimated payments.

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## LAO: Personal Income Tax Month of February

- Monthly PIT withholding for February came in \$1.2 billion (16 percent) above projections included in the 2024-25 Governor's Budget.
- Overall, PIT withholding is running 1
   percent above projections included in
   the 2024-25 Governor's Budget and 3
   percent above the prior year.

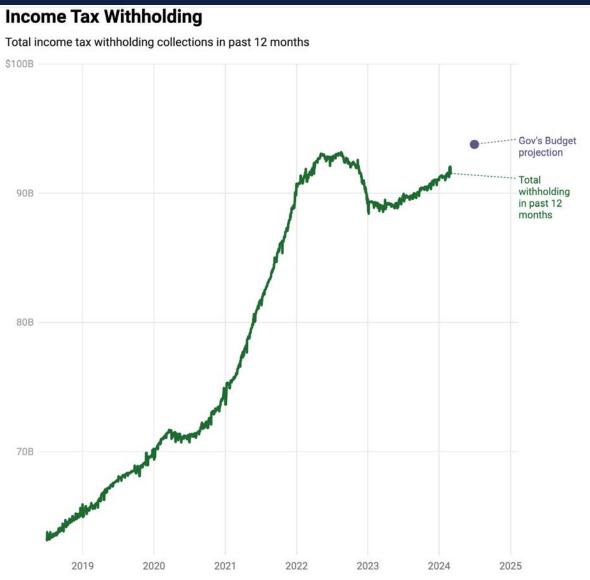


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#### Legislative Analyst's Office California Community Colleges February 21, 2024



Identify More CCC Budget Solutions to Address 2023-24 Drop in Guarantee.



Hold Core CCC Spending Flat in 2024-25.



Begin Considering Ways to Achieve Ongoing General Fund Savings.



**Begin Identifying Solutions Now.** We recommend the Legislature use the next few months to begin identifying the CCC solutions it would need to balance the budget. Waiting until May to begin this work, by contrast, would place the Legislature in a more difficult position and provide little time for careful deliberation.

### Senator Laird opening comments

- Concerned with revenues
- Range between \$38-\$73 billion shortfall
- Many stakeholders meeting with him seem to be unaware of the situation the state is facing
- Every program across the state budget should be thinking about their priorities
- All groups should have offline discussions on top-line items.



### Upcoming Budget Hearings

DATE	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly Budget Sub. #3	Higher Education
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Assembly Budget Sub. #3	California Community Colleges
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Senate Budget Sub. #1	California Community Colleges
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly Joint Hearing Sub. #3 & Sub. #6	Higher Education in Adult and Youth Correctional Facilities

### Questions?

### Thank you!

