GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE
March | Monthly Webinar

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA
• Budget Update

• Sponsored Legislation & Advocacy

• Review of Legislation

• Federal Issues
LAO Findings:

• The LAO estimates that 2018-19 apportionments cost $69 million more than provided for in the Governor’s current budget package.

• The Administration indicates it will decide whether to provide additional funding to address the apportionment shortfall in May when it has updated estimates of both apportionment costs and General Fund revenues.
Revenues

• P1 Exhibit C has identified a significant shortfall of property tax revenue for 2018-19.
• This required the incorporation of a 5% deficit factor applied to each Districts TCR.
• This is causing volatility in apportionment data colleges received.

Budget Strategy

• This needs to be corrected.
• Reinforces our advocacy for continuing appropriation (a benefit K-12 has).
Facilities Advocacy:

• California community college students need and deserve to have high quality classrooms, CTE buildings and other facilities to be academically successful.

• By not fully funding approved projects, the state government is ignoring the voters will.

• The longer we wait, the more expensive these projects will get.

• The League is working with Senator Jerry Hill to coordinate a Legislator letter to Governor Newsom
Sponsored Legislation
April is California Community Colleges Month

• The League is partnering with Assemblymember Limon and the Chancellor’s Office to pass Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 31 declaring April California Community Colleges Month!

• This is an exciting opportunity to highlight the public and economic value of our colleges.

• The resolution will likely be heard for an Assembly floor vote on either April 3rd or 4th.

• Colleges will receive a marketing toolkit the week of March 25th.
SB 291 (Leyva):
CCC Financial Aid Program

• All California Community College students with financial need should be eligible to receive financial aid—regardless of their age, time out of high school, or high school academic performance.

• A student’s financial aid should be linked to the total cost of attendance—not just tuition and fees, but also housing, food, transportation, and supplies.

• SB 291 would provide community college students with a new grant that is linked to the cost of attendance.

Sponsored by the Board of Governors for CCC
Co-Sponsored by the League
Letters Due March 19 by 5PM
AB 30 (Holden):
Protect Access to Dual Enrollment

- Extends the sunset on CCAP.
- Includes continuation high schools.
- Streamlines the process for developing partnerships between districts.
- Streamlines the dual enrollment application.
- Letters Due March 31 by 5PM
AB 612 (Weber): Increasing Access to CalFresh Food Aid

- Would authorize the State Department of Social Services to enter into an MOU with the Chancellor’s Office to permit colleges to process EBT cards.

- Reduce red tape colleges through to bring access to Cal Fresh on campus.

- Modeled after AB 1894 (Weber), successful legislation that created a similar authorization for CSU.

- Based on recommendations and information gathered by the League’s Affordability, Food and Housing Taskforce.

- Part of an attempt to destigmatize Cal Fresh by rebranding it as financial aid.

- Letters Due March 31 by 5PM
Affordability:

• **AB 540 (Limon)** Creates a work study like program for AB 540 students. Would create 2,500 grants that would award up to $3,000 a year.

• **AB 542 (Gabriel)** State’s the intent of the legislature to increase the number of competitive Cal Grants.
Affordability:

- **AB 943 (Chiu)** Permits colleges to utilize up to $25,000 of student equity dollars for an emergency grant program.

- **SB 568 (Portantino)** Creates a $20 million competitive grant program to go out to the UC, CSU and community colleges in proportion to their enrollment for rehousing partnerships.
Employee Relations:

- **AB 463 (Cervantes)** Requires colleges to provide 3.35 hours of credit for every one hour taught for part-time faculty for purposes of participation in the public service loan program.

- **AB 706 (Low)** Eliminate limits on the time during which an employee of one school year or more is entitled to transfer the employee’s accrued leave.
• **AB 1353 (Wicks)** Reduces maximum length of probation for classified employees from one year to six months.

• **SB 777 (Rubio)** Mandate that colleges increase their full time faculty numbers by 10% a year until they reach the 75/25 goal.
Bills of Interest

Non-Credit Programs:

• **AB 1727 (Weber)** Will permit CDCP courses that are being taught via the managed enrollment model to be funded via a census date basis.

Student Health

• **AB 1689 (McCarty)** Prop 63 public college mental health grants.

For-Profits - Nursing Programs:

• **AB 1364 (Rubio)** Vehicle for for-profit friendly legislation.
• **SB 700 (Roth)** BRN sponsored legislation.
• **AB 1345 (McCarty)** Prohibit for-profits from incentivizing staff members to grow enrollment.
New DACA Legislation Introduced:

- On March 12, Democrats introduced a bill to provide a path to citizenship for young undocumented immigrants under the DACA program, and people with certain types of temporary immigration protections.

- Known as the Dream and Promise Act, the legislation was introduced by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA).
  - Co-authors include Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), among others.