



FEBRUARY 2022 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE REPORT PREPARED BY JENNIFER BAKER, CABE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE

GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S BUDGET

Governor Newsom presented his proposed budget in January 2022. Both houses of the Legislature have begun their Budget and Subcommittee hearings. They will continue to review and discuss the budget proposal while beginning to integrate Legislative budget priorities into this discussion. CABE and our partners at Californians Together have been working collaboratively to present our budget priorities at these hearings while also meeting with key Legislative stakeholders.

CABE's budget priorities include advocating for:

- **Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Grant** - \$10 million appropriation to implement over five years to continue the "grow your own" work to address the bilingual teacher shortage.
- **Educator Workforce Investment Program English Learner Roadmap Policy Implementation** - \$20 million appropriation over five years to continue the professional learning established in the last grant.
- **California State University (CSU) Jump Start Program** - \$25 million appropriation to provide funding for AB 1701 (Medina) to increase student enrollment in bilingual authorization programs through the recruitment and retention of full-time faculty through its Colleges of Education.
- **Disaggregation of Data: Long-Term English Learners (LTELs)** – We are seeking an appropriation to provide funding for AB 1868 (Rivas) to disaggregate data to strengthen California's guidance and resources to ensure Long-Term English Learner students are correctly identified and provided with targeted interventions that best meet their needs.

CABE-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

In addition to working collaboratively on budget priorities, CABE is also working hand-in-hand with Californians Together on sponsored legislation:

AB 1701 (Medina) – would create a grant program within the CSU to increase full-time faculty of its Colleges of Education in bilingual authorization programs. CABE has been spearheading discussions with a number of partners and champions within the CSU system in order to strengthen the bill and garner support both within the CSU system and within the halls of the Legislature. The bill will likely be heard as soon as March 15th in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1868 (Rivas) – would require local education agencies with specified numbers of LTELs to delineate goals and strategies for serving the needs of these students within their Local Control and Accountability Plan. We are working with the California Department of Education to find out the estimated cost of this measure. The bill will likely be heard in the Assembly Education Committee in mid-March.

SB 952 (Limón) – would expand the number of schoolwide dual language immersion programs in California. CABE and Californians Together are co-sponsoring this Legislation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond.