

CFA Report to CABE

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BUDGET PRIORITIES

California must prioritize investing in the CSU. The CSU is the largest public 4-year higher education institution in the country, serving over 450,000 students across its 23 campuses. The success of the CSU is directly tied to the talents and work of its employees. Many CSU students are the first in their families to attend college, and our faculty and staff are committed to maintaining an environment and support services that enable students to succeed.

The CSU produces the most ethnically diverse graduates who contribute to California's diverse economy and take on leadership roles in our society. Investing in the CSU is an investment in our economy – funding higher education has never been more critical. The CSU is one of the most powerful economic engines of the state, as every dollar California invests in the CSU, \$7.69 of industry activity is stimulated in the state.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Re: AB 2555 (Patel)

Updates provisions in state law governing the assessment and reclassification of English learners to ensure that English language development assessments and reclassification procedures are implemented consistently and in alignment with current federal requirements.

California's schools serve a large and diverse population of multilingual learners whose academic success depends on effective language development instruction, culturally relevant curriculum, and appropriate assessment practices.

Position: In Process Review

- **1) AB 713 (Solache): *Public Postsecondary Education: student employment*** would prohibit the University of California, California State University, or California Community Colleges from disqualifying a student from being hired for an employment position due to the student's failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, except where that proof is required by federal law or where that proof is required as a condition of a grant that funds the particular employment position for which the student has applied.
- **Position:** Support
- **Status:** Senate; referred to Education and Judiciary Committees

- **SB 873 (Reyes): *Courthouses: privilege from civil arrest*** also known as ICE out of Courthouses, would protect the legal process for all in California by preventing indiscriminate arrests by ICE agents at scheduled court appearances. This bill will provide legal assurances that Californians are safe from immigration agents in and around the grounds of a courthouse.
- **Position:** Support
- **Status:** Assembly; pending committee referral

- **SB 1422 (Durazo): *Medi-Cal: eligibility: immigration status*** would restore enrollment access to full scope Medi-Cal for undocumented adults ages 19 or older, starting Jan. 1, 2027.
- **Position:** Support
- **Status:** Senate Floor

- **AB 2161 (Bonta): *Medi-Cal: redeterminations and work or community engagement*** would protect Medi-Cal coverage for low-income Californians by stopping DHCS's endorsement of HR 1's work requirements through imposition on state-funded Medi-Cal members, minimizing administrative burden by automating data sources, exemptions, and exceptions, applying work requirements in least harmful way for members to obtain and maintain coverage, including adoption of all federally allowable exemptions and exceptions, and codifying and clarifying notification rights so that people know how to demonstrate compliance before their Medi-Cal coverage is terminated.
- **Position:** Support
- **Status:** Assembly Floor

- **AB 1655 (Bryan): *CalWORKS: temporary absence: immigration detention*** would ensure that immigration detention will not trigger a reduction in a family's CalWORKs grant and allows families to maintain critical income supports and job training while they fight to bring their children home.

- **Position:** Support

- **Status:** Assembly Floor