

**Academic Senate of California State University**  
**Positions on Proposed Bills in the California State Legislature – 2016**  
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*Recommended by the ASCSU Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee*

**Tier I: Priority**

***Senate Bills:***

**SB 15 (Block-D)**

**Postsecondary Education: Graduation Incentive Grant Program**

This bill would increase the total number of Cal Grant A and B awards from 22,500 to 30,000 annually. In addition, it would increase maximum tuition award for Cal Grant students at private nonprofit postsecondary institutions to \$9,084 per annum. The bill would also, beginning with the 2015-16 academic year, establish a Competitive Grant Award to CSU students who demonstrate financial need and which would be allocated based on progress toward degree. This would be funded by redirecting money currently allocated for the 2014's Middle-Class Scholarship act.

Rationale: There are concerns about the unintended consequences of bill. The legislation does not appear to tie academic performance to these supplemental awards and they may result in a student taking more units than he/she can perform well in so that he/she can get the award. There is also the question of what impact the increase in Cal Grant funding to students at private non-profit schools will have on the funds available to CSU students.

***FGA Recommendation: Watch***

**SB 1445 (Hertzberg-D)**

**Taxation**

This bill calls on the State to begin taxing services from companies generating \$100,000 or more in sales per annum. The monies generated would be used to modify personal income taxes and support education, local government, low income families, and low wage small business employees. In terms of education, the bill would allocate an additional two billion dollars to the UC and CSU with these funds to be split evenly between the two systems

Rationale: While it is not clear that the service taxes generated by the bill would be sufficient to achieve an additional billion dollars in funding for the CSU, the funds are urgently needed and the bill recognizes that we are in a service economy for which sales taxes should be collected.

***FGA Recommendation: Support***

**SB 1450 (Glazer)**

**California Promise (4-year degree)**

This bill would establish a program that authorizes a campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges to enter into a pledge with a student who satisfies specified criteria to support the student in obtaining an associate degree within 2 academic years, or a baccalaureate degree within 4 academic years, of freshman admission. The bill would prohibit system wide tuition charged to a

California State University student who participates in a California Promise program for an academic year from exceeding the amount of tuition charged to the student for the academic year of the student's freshman admission. Compare to AB 2786.

Rationale: Watch, at least in the initial stages. It's very likely to be changed in committee. The biggest challenges will be the details of its implementation.

**FGA Recommendation:** Watch (*Oppose*)

## ***Assembly Bills:***

### **AB 1582 (Allen)**

#### **Conflict of Interest/Textbook Royalties**

Bill would require employees of public post-secondary educational institutions to disclose any compensation received, including royalties, resulting from the adoption of required course materials for coursework or instruction. It is an extension of existing law, including the Political Reform Act of 1974: Conflict of Interest Codes. Note: The bill in its current form does not prohibit royalties, merely requires their disclosure as an extension of existing law. Compare to AB 2214.

**FGA Recommendation:** Watch

### **AB 1837 (Low)**

#### **Creation of Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability**

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity.

**FGA Recommendation:** Watch

### **AB 1914 (Bonilla)**

#### **Public Postsecondary Education: Access Codes**

This bill that requires that the trustees and the board of governors, and requests the regents, to adopt policies for their respective segments regarding when it is acceptable for a faculty member to require students to purchase an access code accompanying other course materials, as defined.

Rationale: Amendments are underway; wait until revised version is available.

**FGA Recommendation:** Watch

- CSSA sponsored

### **AB 2163 (Low)**

#### **Appointment of Campus Presidents**

Amends the Ed Code to require candidates for campus president positions to participate in at least one public forum on that campus after being formally and publicly designated by the trustees as a finalist for appointment as president of that campus.

**FGA Recommendation:** Support

-- CFA sponsored

**AB 2210 (Harper)**

**California State University: Student Success Fees**

This bill would increase the affirmative vote required for the imposition of a student success fee from a majority to two-thirds of the student body voting on that proposed fee.

Rationale: Watch until CSSA adopts a position on the bill.

**FGA Recommendation:** Watch (*Support*)

**AB 2214 (Harper)**

**Postsecondary Education: Faculty Royalty Income Disclosure**

This bill would add to the Donahoe Higher Education Act a provision that requires faculty members to annually disclose, on or before April 15, 2017, and on or before April 15 of each year thereafter, all of the income he or she received in the immediately preceding calendar year from a publisher, periodical, or provider of online content for royalties, advances, consulting services, or for any other purpose.

The bill would require that the information be available to the public on the Internet Web site of the institution at which the faculty members teach. The bill would authorize the trustees to require a faculty member who does not file the information required under this bill in a timely manner to pay an administrative fine of up to 25% of the unreported income or \$5,000, whichever is smaller, as specified. Compare to AB 1582.

**FGA Recommendation:** Oppose

**AB 2419 (Jones)**

**The New University of California**

This bill would establish The New University of California as a 4th segment of public postsecondary education in this state. The university would provide no instruction, but rather would issue credit and degrees to persons who pass its examinations. The bill would establish an 11-member Board of Trustees of The New University of California as the governing body of the university, and specify the membership and appointing authority for the board of trustees. The bill would provide for the appointment of a Chancellor of The New University of California as the chief executive officer of the university.

Rationale: Would divert resources from the existing public higher education segments.

**FGA Recommendation:** Oppose

**AB 2786 (Chávez)**

**Public Postsecondary Baccalaureate Education: 4-yr degree**

This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University, and request the Regents of the University of California, to offer eligible students of their respective segments an agreement guaranteeing that a student who meets certain conditions may complete a baccalaureate degree within 4 academic years, with the exception of certain programs that may require up to 5 academic years to complete.

**FGA Recommendation:** Support in concept

## **Tier II: Secondary Priority**

### ***Senate Bills:***

#### **SB 915 (Liu)**

##### **Teacher recruitment: California Center on Teaching Careers**

This bill would establish the California Center on Teaching Careers for the purposes of recruiting qualified and capable individuals into the teaching profession.

**FGA Recommendation:** No position (*watch*)

#### **SB 933 (Allen)**

##### **Teachers: California Teacher Corps Act of 2016: teacher residency programs**

This bill would establish the California Teacher Corps Act of 2016, under which the Superintendent of Public Instruction would make grants to applicant high-need local educational agencies and high-need consortium of local educational agencies, as defined, to assist these agencies in establishing and maintaining teacher residency programs.

**FGA Recommendation:** No position (*watch*)

#### **SB 1123 (Leyva)**

##### **Pupil instruction: high school graduation requirements**

This bill would extend existing diploma requirements for Grade 12 students, currently due to expire in 2017, for five years, until 2022.

**FGA Recommendation:** No position (*watch*)

#### **SB 1412 (Block)**

##### **CSU Investments**

Would allow Chief Financial Officers of individual CSU campuses to shift investments from federal or state credit unions and special projects funding (grants, research, operation funding, etc.): to include investing in mutual funds. Could have Fiscal implications. This bill would limit the total amount invested in these mutual funds and real estate investment trusts to specified amounts for each fiscal year, until, commencing with the 2019–20 fiscal year, up to 30% of that money could be invested in these asset categories. This is a reintroduction of AB 130 (Weber) from 2015, at which time it had support from both the Legislative Analyst /office, the Department of Finance, and the fiscal committees of both houses.

**FGA Recommendation:** Watch

## ***Assembly Bills:***

### **AB 1594 (McCarty)**

#### **Non-Smoking/Non-Vaping Campuses**

This bill would prohibit the smoking of a tobacco product or the use of an e-cigarette on a campus of the California State University or the California Community Colleges. The bill would authorize the governing bodies of the California State University and each community college district to set standards for the enforcement of that prohibition.

**FGA Recommendation:** *Watch*

### **AB 1721 (Medina-D)**

#### **Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program**

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to renew California's commitment to college affordability by increasing the aid available to needy students through expanding the Cal Grant Program. Under existing law, an award for access costs, as defined, under the Cal Grant B Entitlement Program is limited to no more than \$1,551. This bill would raise the amount of the maximum award for access costs under the Cal Grant B program to \$3,000.

This bill would also provide that an applicant for an award under the California Community College Transfer Entitlement Program may not be 31 years of age or older by December 31 of the award year, and is required to have attended a California community college no more than 3 academic years before the academic year for which the award will be used, among other requirements. Under existing law, no more than a total of 25,750 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards may be granted annually. This bill would raise that limit to 30,000 awards.

**FGA Recommendation:** *Support*

### **AB-1756 (Bonilla)**

#### **Teacher credentialing: integrated programs of professional preparation**

This bill would require intensive field experiences, as defined, to include student teaching.

**FGA Recommendation:** *No position (watch)*

### **AB 1778 (Quirk)**

#### **Sexual Assault Training**

This bill would require those California postsecondary educational institutions, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, to conduct annual training of their respective employees, in addition to the training described above, on the employee's obligations in responding to and reporting incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students.

**FGA Recommendation:** *Support*

**AB 2019 (Santiago)**

**State employees: salary adjustments: State Bargaining Unit 3.**

This bill would declare the policy of the state to provide for intermediate steps of salary adjustments, in an unspecified percentage, for members of the California Faculty Association within State Bargaining Unit 3 that would be based on cost-of-living adjustments tied to the California Consumer Price Index.

*FGA Recommendation: No position (watch)*

*-- CFA sponsored*

**AB 2122 (McCarty)**

**California Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program**

This bill would those provide to establish the California Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program for the purpose of recruiting classified school employees to participate in a program designed to encourage them to enroll in teacher training programs and to provide instructional service as teachers in the public schools.

*FGA Recommendation: No position (watch)*

**AB 2156 (Levine)**

**Regional Workforce Coordination**

Requires the CSU to participate in regional conversations pursuant to the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and submit a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2018, on both of the following:

- (a) Efforts they have made to increase the number of degrees in order to meet regional labor demands.
- (b) Identify barriers to addressing regional workforce demands and the progress that is needed to overcome these barriers.

*FGA Recommendation: Watch*

**AB 2248 (Holden)**

**Teacher credentialing: out-of-state**

This bill would require the state's teacher credentialing commission to issue these teaching credentials within 30 days of receiving all required documentation.

*FGA Recommendation: No position (watch)*

**AB 2317 (Mullin)**

**California State University: Doctor of Audiology degrees.**

This bill authorizes the California State University to award the Doctor of Audiology degree.

*FGA Recommendation: No position (watch)*

**AB 2352 (Rodriguez)**

**Baccalaureate degree pilot program at Crafton Hills College**

This bill would authorize the establishment of a 16th baccalaureate degree pilot program at Crafton Hills College if the college resolves any deficiencies identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

Rationale: This exceeds the limit on the number of baccalaureate degrees approved for the pilot program in SB 850.

*FGA Recommendation: Oppose*

**AB 2434 (Bonta)**

**Higher Education Policy: Improving Affordability, Accessibility, & Coordination**

This bill would delete the provision of the Donohoe Higher Education Act that sets forth the mission of specified agencies charged with coordination, administration, or implementation of higher education policies and programs, and would express the intent of the Legislature to explore alternative ways to improve affordability, accessibility, coordination, and development of higher education policy that are consistent with the interest of the people and State of California. May be a spot bill.

*FGA Recommendation: Watch (watch)*

**AB 2706 (Wilk)**

**Teachers: credentialing**

Bill makes non-substantial changes to provisions for teacher credentialing.

*FGA Recommendation: No position*

**Tier III: Spot Bills (Placeholders)**

Bills in this category currently lack significant content, but will likely be amended to address substantive topics at a later date. For this reason, they bear watching.

**SB 1045 (McGuire) Early Start** (But will be repurposed to address call for open meeting of CSU auxiliaries; it will be CSSA sponsored)

**SB 1439 (Block) Postsecondary Education: Sexual Harassment Protection**

**AB 2137 (Santiago) Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer Process**

**AB 2132 (Baker) Postsecondary Education**

**AB 2157 (Baker) Postsecondary Education**

**AB 2386 (Garcia) Postsecondary Education**

**AB 2646 (Mayes) Postsecondary Education**

**AB 2681 (O'Donnell) Postsecondary Education**

**AB 2850 (O'Donnell) Postsecondary Education**