

FACCC Legislation & Budget Committee Meeting Report

March 2, 2026

Monday | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Sarah Thompson

Leslie Banta

Cynthia Mosqueda

Ruby Christian-Brougham

Siobhan McGregor-Gordon

Iolani Sodhy-Gereben

Staff:

Stephanie Goldman

Jason Henderson

Budget Advocacy

1. SCFF Reform

- Pursue budget request to fund two-year system partner workgroup
- Design a new funding model to replace SCFF
- Coalition alignment viable:
 - League's "Rethinking SCFF"
 - SSCCC Resolution to be presented at General Assembly (May)

2. COLA Advocacy

- End punitive COLA withholding
- Reinstate withheld COLAs
 - COLA is cost-maintenance, not a bonus
 - Withholding undermines operational stability

3. Data Update

Ending Fund Balance Analysis (Table)

- 75% of districts in Q1 projected to 'dig into' reserves as drawdowns
- Widespread reserve growth, with many districts increasing reserves despite projected drawdowns.
 - Evidence of systematic financial reporting flaws
 - Over-reserving undermines bargaining and student investment
- Two districts exceed 90%
- Awaiting audit recommendations for leverage; potential

Enrollment (Table)

- Enrollment data drives annual funding selection:
 - SCFF, Stability (SCFF + COLA), Hold Harmless
- 11 districts currently on hold harmless
- Districts look at 3-year rolling average and choose the funding model w/ the highest yield

Legislation

AB 2694 (Alvarez) Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Expansion

- General support with minor clarifications
- Committee requests author meeting for:
 - clarity for “*substantially similar*” - where does this arise from.
 - Explore adding “impacted” language
 - Alignment for SB 960 (Cabaldon)

Committee Recommended Position: Support (As-Is w/ clarification)

SB 1262 (Archuleta) Reserve Cap

- 50% Cap is unjustified, will likely oppose if this remains the threshold
- Even OG 33% could be palatable
- Concerned with giving free pass to districts in the 30-40%
- Awaiting reserve cap recommendations before codifying a statutory cap (and clarity from author of the strategy to run both)
- Favorable at the 16.6%, not egregious at 33%

Committee Recommended Position: Oppose Unless Amended

AB 1871 (Fong) Dual Enrollment CCAP

- Committee in favor of removing principal approval, one-time application, 15-unit cap, and 4-course cap
- Committee supports expanded access while protecting student alignment
- Add provision to meet with a college counselor to directly assess student education plan and understand implications of financial aid

Committee Recommended Position: Support with Amendments

AB 2236 (Berman) Common Course Numbering/Articulation

- May undo prior articulation gains
- CSU enforceability is unclear
- Committee waiting for ASCCC presence to continue

Committee Recommended Position: N/A

AB 1171 (Patel) PT Health Care Program [Feb. 23 - Proposed Amendments]

- Original intent: mandate district participation and provide 100% reimbursement with the underutilized \$200m annual appropriation
- Draft amendments shift to a two-pronged model: single-district faculty reimbursed at 50%, and MD/PT reimbursed on a cost-sharing proportionally across districts.
- Committee concerned about takebacks from districts currently 100%, disadvantages rural faculty who cannot effectively engage in multi-district, introduces appeared inequity
- Jason to meet with Ellen/Eli to provide feedback and seek a new option; refocus to original intent.

Committee Recommended Position: **Withdraw Sponsor/Oppose Unless Amended**