



## FACCC Legislation & Budget Committee Meeting Report

March 23, 2026

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

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### **Budget Advocacy**

#### **[CCCCO Affordable Student Housing Letter](#)**

- General support and highlights an urgent need
- Committee raises concerns around sustainability (example: LACCD \$50M maintenance/operations). Further equity concerns about serving high-cost urban areas and large rural regions.
- Continual unfunded mandates
- Financial aid implications should be considered when thinking about direct stipends to students. Will this impact their award amount?

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Support***

### **New Legislation**

#### **[AB 1829 \(Fong\) CalWORKs Recipient Education Program](#)**

- Supportive of student supports and services
- Concerns that unfunded mandate and no new appropriations will create tradeoffs
  - Risk of redistributing limited funds resulting in core services cut.
  - Support letter will include concerns funding risk.

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Support***

#### **[AB 1730 \(Fong\) Gender Equity Report](#)**

- Two rounds of feedback provided with clarification to include union roles in building training, protection for reporters, and scaled cost-sharing by FTES.
- Supportive of establishing a managing entity and standardized statewide practices.



- Mixed reaction on effect of current campus operations; some campuses may have unwilling environments and respond slower, while others have strong systems in place.
  - Many campuses don't handle cases well or have conflict of interests (HR protecting the institution)

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Support***

#### **AB 1534 (Irwin) - Workforce Pell Grant Oversight**

- Generally supportive but 70% threshold on completion and job placement could limit access and delay student enrollment.

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Watch***

#### **AB 2540 (Stefani) - Student/Reproductive Rights**

- All-around support.

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Support***

#### **AB 1750 (Caloza) - Sick Leave**

- Attempts to address differential pay system with current system issues including, faculty paying for substitutes, and unequal workloads.
- Additionally, districts charge for subs they do not hire.

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Support***

#### **SB 1006 (Padilla) - Cal Grant B Increase**

- Support for raising award amount over time and allows the structure to stay stable.
- Key questions remain about funding source and feasibility in a budget year.

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Support***

#### **AB 1582 (Ortega) - UC Arbitration Violation**

- All-around support, with labor alignment across the segments.

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Support***

#### **AB 2027 (Ward) Worker Data AI Protection**



- This is already happening in contract negotiations, but districts are either behind or resistant

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Support***

### **Legislation Updates**

#### [AB 2019](#) (Gipson)

- Committee discussed adding “counselors and librarians”
  - Support adding expansion
  - New fiscal estimate needed with expansion
  - Expansion may increase costs to a threshold that might kill the bill
  - Continue with instructional faculty, expand later

*Committee Recommendation: **Sponsor***

- [AB 1171](#) (Patel)
- [AB 2694/SB 960/AB2301](#) (Alvarez/Cabaldon/Soria) - Baccalaureate Degree

*Committee recommendation: **Support all three***

- [AB 2486 \(Ahrens\) CA Literacy Workforce Bill](#)

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Oppose***

- [AB 1552](#) (Jackson)

*Committee Recommendation Position: **Oppose***

### **AB 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***