

ADULT EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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Adult Ed Redesign & Reinvestment

- The League is tracking three key elements of the adult education reform work:
 - AB 86 regional planning consortia
 - SB 173 introduced by Senator Liu
 - The Governor's proposed 2014-2015 budget.

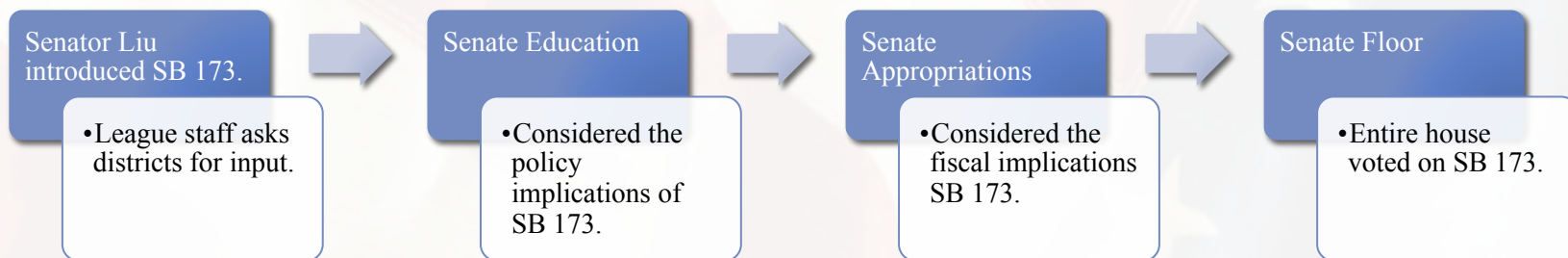
SB 173

Eliminates four funding categories for CCC by removing the following noncredit adult education classes:

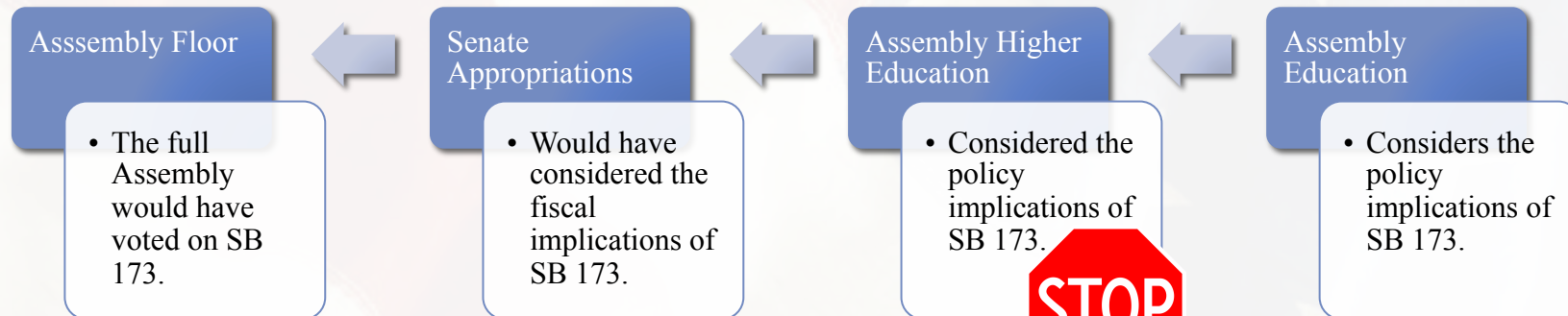
- 1 Parenting, including cooperative preschools, classes in child growth and development and parent-child relationships;
- 2 Education programs for older adults;
- 3 Education programs for home economics; and,
- 4 Health and safety education.

SB 173 (Liu) - Progress

California State Senate



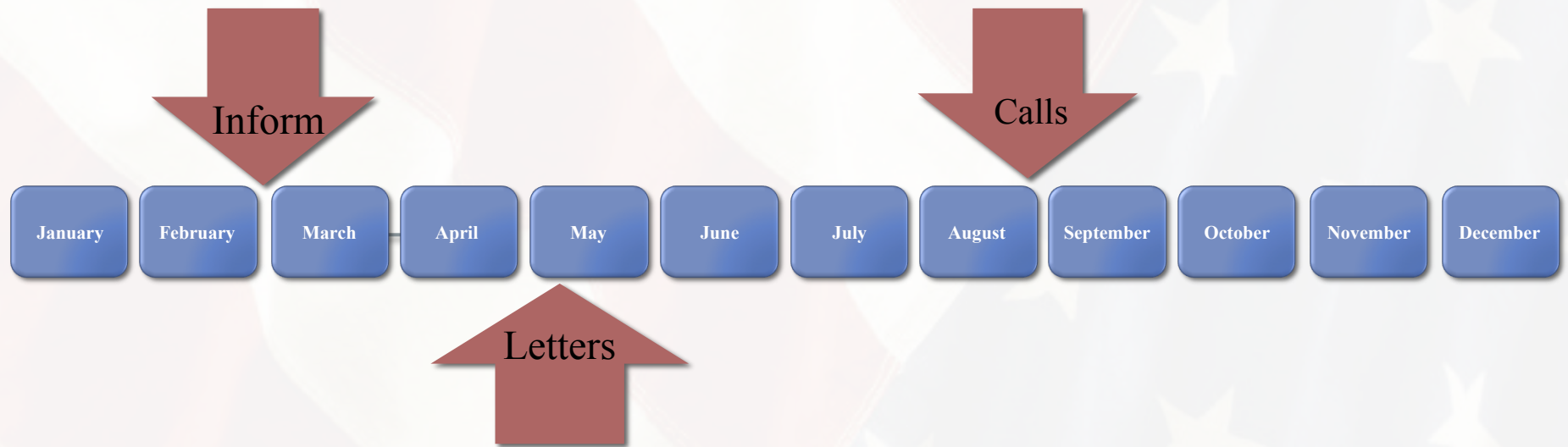
California State Assembly



SB 173

- In August, SB 173 effectively became a two-year bill.
- As a two-year bill, SB 173 has until end of May to move out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
- It does not appear that amendments that would remove opposition will be taken, staff continues to meeting with members to reiterate our opposition.
- League staff has been working with K-12 advocates to increase their understanding of the starkly different funding consequences SB 173 would have on community colleges as opposed to K-12.

Advocacy Engagement Timeline



Joint Adult Education Hearing

- Led by Senator Carol Liu and Assemblymember Das Williams
- Representatives from CDE, the Chancellor's Office, the Legislative Analyst's Office, and college administrators shared updates.
- The League offered comments which emphasized colleges' commitment to the AB 86 planning process.
- Reminded legislators that non-credit courses are a vehicle that community colleges use to remain flexible to local needs and to address the economic cycles and volatility of our state.
- Labor organizations expressed concerns about the lack of faculty involvement in the AB 86 planning process.

DRAFT Guiding Principles For Adult Education

- Support legislation that designates local educational agencies (LEAs) as fiscal agents and recipients of Proposition 98 Adult Education Program funds.
- Adult Education Programs should be delivered by both K-12 and community colleges.
- Support a stream of funding for Adult Education Programs that shall be available for unrestricted Adult Education purposes.
- Allow each system, K-12 and CCC, under current law to determine their Adult Education categories allowable for state funding.
- Provide one-time funding for Adult Education Program start-up costs.
- Fund adult/non-credit education at the community college career development and college preparation rate of \$3,232 per FTES
- Consider recommendations for reciprocity standards for instructors of adult education courses.
- Allow for the use of multiple measures to demonstrate the efficacy and success of Adult Education Programs across the spectrum of program categories.

Governor's 2014-15 Proposed Budget

- The administration reiterated its commitment to the AB 86 planning process in the proposed 2014-2015 budget by including the following language:
- *“The 2013 Budget Act provided \$25 million Proposition 98 General Fund for two-year planning and implementation grants to regional consortia of community college districts and K-12 districts... Adult education consortia plans will be completed by early 2015, and the Administration intends to make an investment in the 2015-16 budget for adult education, including adult education provided in county jails, through a single restricted categorical program. The Administration will continue to work jointly with the State Department of Education and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to complete the adult education consortia plans, while working with the Legislature to ensure that any legislation pertaining to adult education aligns with and supports the planning process currently underway, and provides consistent guidance to the K-12 and community college districts.”*

Governor's 2014-15 Proposed Budget

- Inclusion of this language in the 2014-2015 budget supports our continued advocacy efforts to stop legislation that would eliminate funding categories for adult education or otherwise compromise the progress of the AB 86 implementation process.

Local Strategy – Advocacy Stage

- Highlight Success Data
 - Exemplary programs
- Form Broad Coalitions
 - Cities (town & gown)
 - Business (Chamber, WIB)
 - Non-profits
- Ask Stakeholders To Make Calls
- Coordinate legislative relations with area colleges that share legislators and common concerns.



Policy Themes

In the 2014 Legislative session, these are likely policy areas that will affect community colleges.

- Equity
- Adult Ed and Inmate Ed
- Student Success
- Concurrent Enrollment
- Performance Accountability
- Transitional Kindergarten

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**Thank You!
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