



Noncredit Legislative Update

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Goals of Today's Presentation

- Provide Overview of Current Political Landscape
- Review Current Non-Credit Related Budget and Legislative Proposals
- Recommend Advocacy Efforts
- Obtain Feedback from the Field on Outstanding Issues

Changing Political Landscape



14 out of 80
Assembly
Members
termed out

6 out of 40
Senators
termed out

100% of Assembly Members
is serving under the new
term-limit laws.

Think, long-term relationships!

Changing Political Landscape

- New Legislative Members:
 - New Committee Membership
- Improved But Still Strained Budget:
 - Prop 51 & Prop 55
 - Federal Uncertainty
- Twelve-Year Term Limits
- Statewide Chancellor's Office Changes
 - Chancellor Oakley
 - Vice Chancellor Laura Metune

Changing Political Landscape

- What does this mean?
 - Committee membership has changed.
 - We have an opportunity to build longer lasting relationships with Members of the Legislature.
 - Policies or culture may change at the Chancellor's Office.
 - Budget discussions are increasingly focused on one-time expenditures.

This year's primary budget discussion...



How will federal decisions impact California's budget?

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Governor's Proposed Budget

- The overall budget looks favorable for the Community College system.
- Related to noncredit:
 - **Adult Education Block Grant:** \$500 million in on-going funds to implement regional consortia plans for courses in elementary and secondary basic skills, citizenship, ESL, programs for adults with disabilities, short-term CTE programs, and programs for apprentices.
 - The Department of Finance has informed us that there will only be technical clean up language in the trailer bill.
 - Trailer bill language is not yet available.



State's Budget Impact on Community Colleges

- Governor Proposes \$3.2 Billion in Actions to Reduce Spending Growth in the budget. The most significant of these actions are related to the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for schools and community colleges.
- Most investment goes to one-time dollars, which the Governor proposes to spend on Guided Pathways.
- For community colleges, the proposed budget provides over \$400 million in new resources, approximately \$200 million which are one-time.

Legislative Proposals

- There have been no legislative proposal introduced related to noncredit.
- We know there are spot bills being held for potential noncredit related legislation.

High Priority Issue Areas

**ACCE Advocacy Platform & recommendations found in SDCE publication, The Past, Present and Future of Noncredit Education in California. (2016)*

- Implement an option for a census-based attendance accounting formula for noncredit managed enrollment classes. Examples might include but not be limited to CTE courses.
- Eliminate two-tiered funding system and fund all noncredit categories at the same increased rate.
- Establish a local curriculum approval process for certain noncredit courses to allow quick response to industry demand.
- Develop a formula for including noncredit faculty in FON but without causing an undue financial burden on the districts with historically disproportionately high FON and without making noncredit programs cost prohibitive.
- Remove the requirement for noncredit students to be legally admitted to the U.S. in order to be claimed for apportionment.

Advocacy Tips

- Share success stories with your Legislative Members.
- Share roadblocks as well.
- Invite your Legislative Members to visit your programs.

Related Policy Topics:

Guided Pathways

- Guided Pathways received a \$150 million one-time investment. It is an evidence-based strategy and framed as a catalyst for a systemic and integrated redesign of the student experience at California's community colleges.
- Noncredit programs can support guided pathways by enhancing and deepening the impact of current investments in AEBG, CDCP, and SSSP.

Local Feedback:
How is AB 86 Working?
What does the future look like?

- What have been the local experiences with K-12 Districts and developing the plans?
- Has there been roadblocks to success?
- Are additional resources needed?

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

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