



State Legislative Update

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Goals of Today's Presentation

- Review Current Non-Credit Related Legislative and Budget Proposals
- Obtain Feedback from the Field on Proposals
- Begin Collaborating on Advocacy Efforts and Start Creating Targeted and Strategic Messages

Current Political Climate

- Last November, the first surge of Legislators eligible for 12 year terms were elected.
- Currently, 72 of the 120 Legislators have at most two years of state-level experience.
 - When looking at all education related committee membership, including finance subcommittees, over 41% of the Members are brand new to the Legislature.

Current Political Climate

- The Governor's Office and Administration have changed staff assigned to higher education issues as well.
 - We have a new contact in the Governor's office.
 - We have new contacts at the Department of Finance.

Current Political Climate

- What does this mean?
 - We have an opportunity to build longer lasting relationships with Representatives.
 - We have an obligation to education new members about non-credit's specific role in the community college system.
 - We need to catch them up to speed on what has been done in the past, what we are currently working on, and where we see our future.

Governor's January Budget Proposal

- The overall budget looks favorable for the Community College system.
- Some highlights for non-credit include:
 - **Enhanced Non-Credit Rate:** The Budget allocates \$49 Million to fund CDCP rate equalization, raising it to that of the credit rate commencing with the 2015-16 year.
 - **Adult Education Block Grant:** The Budget allocates \$500 Million in a new Adult Education Block Grant to fund courses in elementary and secondary basic skills, citizenship, ESL, programs for adults with disabilities, short-term CTE programs, and programs for apprentices.
 - **Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) and Student Equity Plans:** The Budget allocates \$200 Million to be split evenly between the two.

Governor's January Budget Proposal

- Enhanced Non-Credit Rate Increase:
 - The January Budget proposes to increase Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) course rates equal to that of credit courses.
 - This change has been a priority to the non-credit community for years, and will make a significant positive change in providing adequate courses for students.
 - The discussion now turns to – ***How Will We Spend The Money?***

Governor's January Budget Proposal

- Adult Education Block Grant:
 - Of the \$500 Million allocated in the Budget, about \$300 Million will go to backfill K-12 Districts' MOE.
 - There will be about \$200 Million available for Regional Consortia.
 - Discussion Topics:
 - Allocation Board and It's Role and Responsibilities
 - Allocation Board Membership
 - Allocation Formula and Disbursement
 - Inclusion of Apportionment

Governor's January Budget Proposal

- SSSP and Student Equity Plans:
 - In FY 2013-14 and 2014-15, funding allocations in the State Budget for SSSP was only allocated to credit programs.
 - This year, \$200 Million has been dedicated in the State Budget proposal, but again was not specific in a split between credit and non-credit.
 - The Chancellor's Office seems supportive of ensuring non-credit receives an equitable allocation of funding.
 - The match requirements may be waived.

Status of AB 86

- The AB 86 planning process includes a Cabinet and a Working Group.
- Technical Assistance Webinars are held once a week to assist regional consortia with multiple subject areas.
- The Final Regional Comprehensive Plan is Due to the Legislature March 1st and will only have been reviewed by the Cabinet.

Status of SB 173

- SB 173 (Liu, 2014) was signed by Governor Brown last year.
- The 2-year bill was amended significantly throughout the Legislative process.
- In the end, the bill reflected support of the AB 86 process, and required some additional components to consider, including:

Status of SB 173

- Reciprocity Standards
- Aligning Data
- Aligning Curriculum

The AB 86 Working Group has not discussed in detail how the implementation of SB 173 will role out. Thoughts?

THANK YOU!

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