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## **CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR'S VETO OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1413**

### **--Faculty Union, Assemblymember Portantino Pledge To Continue Fight for Badly Needed Reforms To Rein In CSU Executives-- --Abuse Of Taxpayer Dollars Have Tarnished State University System--**

"The Governor's veto of AB 1413 sends the public the message that he is content with a CSU Administration which operates in secrecy and wastes millions of taxpayer dollars on executive pay while the student experience deteriorates," said Lillian Taiz, president of the California Faculty Association and Professor of History at CSU Los Angeles.

"Without this bill, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed will be able to continue his destructive practice of padding the pockets of wealthy executives at the top of the university administration at the expense of students, faculty, staff and the university as a whole," said Taiz.

"As a strong advocate of higher education, I am extremely disappointed with this veto," said Portantino, the author of Assembly Bill (AB) 1413 and Chair of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

"The Governor's action today, coupled with a litany of inappropriate actions by the CSU Board of Trustees over the past few years, has made it much more difficult to fight for limited resources to benefit our students. Recent budget projections suggest the state will be dealing with at least an \$8 billion deficit next year, and if history is any lesson, the students will bear the brunt yet again.

"Meanwhile, the CSU Board of Trustees has committed to a series of pay increases for top executives and campus presidents without regard for the state's fiscal troubles. The veto of AB 1413 gives a green light to the Trustees to conduct business as usual, continuing to break the public's trust."

Assembly Bill 1413 would have put in place stricter guidelines to ensure state resources are not wasted on lavish executive salaries and perks. By putting reasonable compensation guidelines into state law, the bill would ensure accountability by the CSU Administration.

For more information on AB 1413, go to [www.signab1413.com](http://www.signab1413.com).

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