



Legislative Update: Sponsored/Co-Sponsored Legislation

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INTRODUCTION

The CFA is sponsoring five (5) pieces of legislation during the second year of the 2023-2024 biennial legislative session (AB 2070, AB 2275, AB 2398, AB 2447 and AB 2516). In addition, the CFA has four (4) sponsored/co-sponsored bills that are still alive (ACA 7, AB 672, SB 11 and SB 252) and pending hearings in the second house. Below are summaries of CFA's sponsored/co-sponsored bills with their current status.

CFA Sponsored Bills

- **Trustees of the California State University: Faculty Appointees: Assembly Bill 2070 (Cervantes)** would require the Board of Trustees to include an additional faculty member appointed by the Governor. The bill would also require each faculty member appointee to be appointed from a list of names of at least 4 persons furnished by the Academic Senate of the California State University.

Position: Sponsor

Status: Introduced February 5, 2024

- **Trustees of the California State University: Appointees: Assembly Bill 2275 (M. Fong)** would require the members of the Board of Trustees to be selected from outstanding lay citizens of California who have a strong interest in the further development and improvement of the California State University and would specify that members of the Board, to the greatest extent possible, should be inclusive and representative of the many demographic groups found in California, and that the Board should reflect diversity of race and gender, and include, among others, disabled persons and veterans. The bill would also provide that each member of the Board should bring their own best thinking and personal views to the Board's discussions.

Position: Sponsor (pending)

Status: Introduced February 8, 2024

- **California State University: Audits: Assembly Bill 2398 (Kalra)** would require an external audit of each campus of the California State University to be conducted at least once every 3 years. The bill would also require all audits of the California State University or any of its

campuses, including audits conducted by the university's internal audit staff, to be available to the public.

Position: Sponsor

Status: Introduced February 12, 2024

- **California State University: Resource Allocation: Assembly Bill 2447 (Valencia)** would require the California State University to develop and operate an Internet Web site accessible to the public that includes specified information relating to expenditures of state funds, defined to include, among other things, grants, contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, investments and transfers to reserves.

Position: Sponsor

Status: Introduced February 13, 2024 (amendments pending)

- **Trustees of the California State University: Bargaining Unit Representative: Assembly Bill 2516 (Santiago)** would add a bargaining unit representative selected for a 2-year term by the California State University Labor Council to the Board of Trustees.

Position: Sponsor

Status: Introduced February 13, 2024

CFA Sponsored/Co-Sponsored Two-Year Bills

- **Government Preferences: Programs: Exceptions: Assembly Constitutional Amendment Number 7 (Jackson)** would provide that, subject to the approval of the Governor, the state may use moneys to fund research-based, or research-informed, and culturally specific programs in any industry if those programs are established or otherwise implemented by the state for the purposes of increasing the life expectancy of, improving educational outcomes for, or lifting out of poverty specific groups based upon race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or marginalized genders, sexes, or sexual orientations.

Position: Sponsor

Status: ACA 7 passed off of the Assembly Floor on September 12, 2023 on a 62-18 vote.

The bill is now a two-year bill and currently pending assignment in the Senate Rules Committee.

- **Teacher Credentialing Task Force: Assembly Bill 672 (Jackson)** would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to convene a Teacher Credentialing Task Force by March 1, 2024 comprised of teacher educators from each segment of the higher education system, students in teacher credentialing programs, organizations representing university faculty, teachers and administrators, to examine, among other things, the available research on the factors that enable and constrain recruitment, credentialing and retention of a diverse teaching workforce

and the experiences of student candidates in various credentialing pathways, and to report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature on or before March 1, 2027 on any recommendations based on those findings for increasing the number and diversity of qualified teachers in California.

Position: Sponsor

Status: AB 672 passed off of the Assembly Floor on May 31, 2023 on an 80-0 vote. The hearing for the bill in the Senate Education Committee was canceled at the request of the author on July 5, 2023. The bill is now a two-year bill.

- **California State University (CSU) Mental Health Counseling: Senate Bill 11 (Menjivar)** would require the CSU to have one full-time equivalent California-licensed counselor for every 1,500 students on each campus. In addition, SB 11 would establish, contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature, the CSU Mental Health Professionals Act to provide one-time grants to certain CSU students to become mental health counselors in the state. Finally, SB 11 would, contingent upon an Appropriation by the Legislature, establish the Mental Health Professionals Fund as the depository of moneys appropriated or otherwise received for the program and would require the Department of Health Care Access and Information to disburse moneys in the fund under the act (**amended version as of July 13, 2023**).

Position: Sponsor

Status: SB 11 was set for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 23, 2023 but was canceled by the author. The bill is now a two-year bill.

- **Divestment from Fossil Fuels: Senate Bill 252 (Gonzalez, Stern and Wiener)** would prohibit the boards of the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) from making new investments, or renewing existing investments, of public employee retirement funds in a fossil fuel company. The bill would require the boards to liquidate investments in a fossil fuel company on or before July 1, 2031. The bill would provide that it does not require a board to take any action unless the board determines in good faith that the action is consistent with the board's fiduciary responsibilities established in the California Constitution. This bill would require the boards, commencing February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, to file a report with the Legislature and the Governor, containing specified information, including a list of fossil fuel companies from which the boards have liquidated their investments. The bill would provide that board members and other officers and employees shall be held harmless and be eligible for indemnification in connection with actions taken pursuant to the bill's requirements.

Position: Co-Sponsor

Status: SB 252 passed off the Senate Floor on May 25, 2023 on a 23-10-7 vote. Subsequently, the bill was referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee on June 8, 2023 but has not been set for a hearing by the chair of the Committee. The bill is now a two-year bill.

Should you have any questions regarding the CFA bill package, please feel free to reach out.

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