The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DATE: May 18-19, 2015

SUBJECT: Apprenticeship Expenditure Plan  
Item Number: 2.1
Attachment: No

CATEGORY: Workforce & Economic Development

TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:
Consent/Routine
First Reading

Recommended By: Van Ton-Quinlivan, Vice Chancellor

Approved for Consideration: Brice W. Harris, Chancellor

ISSUE: This item requests approval of the expenditure plan for Apprenticeship programs at the higher amount being proposed in the Governor’s 2015-16 budget. The Board approved an expenditure plan for Apprenticeship in the amount of $22,868,000 for Related and Supplemental Instruction (RSI) in January of this year. The Governor, in his proposed 2015-16 budget, increased this RSI amount to $36 million and adds another $15 million for “new innovative” apprenticeship programs, for a total of $51,924,000.

BACKGROUND: Apprenticeship RSI funding has paid for classroom instruction of registered apprentices in California. Prior to 2013, RSI was contained in two separate appropriations-- one at the California Department of Education (CDE) in the amount of $15 million and the other at the Chancellor’s Office in the amount of $7 million. The Budget Act of 2013 consolidated the allocation and administrative responsibility for both appropriations with the Chancellor’s Office:

- Number of apprentices statewide supported by current RSI: Approximately 50,000 as of January 31, 2015
- Colleges currently participating in Apprenticeship: 22
- CDE agencies currently participating in Apprenticeship: 30

(Background cont.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board approve the expenditure plan for Apprenticeship programs up to a total of $51,924,000 for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year, pending the final approval of these dollars in the 2015-16 Budget Act.
(Background cont.)
The Governor’s proposed 2015-16 budget restores the RSI funding to 2008 levels and adjusts the hourly reimbursement rate from $5.06 to $5.46/hour. Existing apprenticeship programs will be allocated additional RSI funding, provided they submit evidence of need based on current and anticipated attendance. After existing programs are allocated funding, new apprenticeship programs shall apply for RSI funding, which will be awarded with strong evidence of labor market need, wage data, industry sector priority status, level of employer support, and other criteria.

To help guide implementation of the $15million for “new innovative” apprenticeship programs, the Chancellor’s Office, has sought input from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS), California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), and Employment Training Panel (ETP). As a result, administration of the funds will emphasize priority and emerging industry sectors, non-traditional occupations, as well as support for efforts to increase diversity in new and existing apprenticeship programs. Examples of non-traditional occupations follow:

- **Healthcare**: Radiology Technician, Community Health Worker, Certified Nursing Assistant
- **Information & Communications Tech**: Network Security, Applications Developer, Software analyst
- **Advanced Manufacturing**: Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, Computer Numeric Control (CNC) Milling Operator