
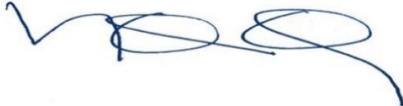




The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: January 17-18, 2017

SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update		Item Number: 3.2	
		Attachment: Yes (available at meeting)	
CATEGORY:	Government Relations	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Laura Metune, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

ISSUE: The Board of Governors will be provided with an update on recent state and federal activities.

BACKGROUND: Members of the California State Legislature were sworn in on December 5, 2016, for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session. While the Legislature promptly adjourned until January 4, 2017, a small number of bills were introduced. Members are authorized to introduce bills until February 17, 2017, and hundreds of additional proposals are expected to be introduced between now and by the bill introduction deadline. Of the measures introduced, approximately 20 affect the community colleges. The majority of these bills relate to college affordability and financial aid. Several proposals have been introduced in response to the Presidential election, and aim to support and protect California’s undocumented students.

At the federal level, the adjournment of the 114th Congress is fast approaching. In response to upcoming inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump, several members of Congress have introduced legislation aimed at protecting Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students from deportation. While the likelihood of pending legislation becoming law is low, bills addressing the DACA policy may be reintroduced when the new session begins. The 115th Congress will convene at noon on January 6, 2017.

A current overview of state and federal legislation will be provided to the Board at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented to the Board for information and discussion.