





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: September 18-19, 2017

SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update		Item Number: 4.5	
		Attachment: Yes (will be provided 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: The California State Legislature returned from Summer Recess on August 21, 2017, and will have the opportunity to act on hundreds of bills before adjourning for Interim Recess on September 15, 2017. The last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 15, 2017, and in the Governor’s possession after September 15th, is October 15, 2017.

At the federal level, Congress returns from the August recess with a number of higher education issues in play. An eight-bill appropriations package, including the House’s FY 2018 Labor-HHS-Education bill, is slated for House floor action in early September. Shortly after Labor Day, the Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee is planning to markup its FY 2018 bill. Congress is expected to work to pass a budget resolution, raise the debt ceiling, advance tax reform legislation, and close-out the remaining appropriations bills before the federal fiscal year ends, on September 30, 2017. *(Background cont.)*

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

(Background cont.) In June, the Trump administration announced that it would keep the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Subsequently, Texas and nine other states requested that the President end DACA, and pledged to seek to end DACA in federal court if no action was taken by September 5, 2017. On September 5th the Department of Homeland Security issued a memorandum on the “unwinding” of the DACA program. DACA was not immediately terminated – a six month window was created by the Administration, ostensibly to allow Congress to put the program into legislation. About 800,000 immigrants nationwide reside in the United States under DACA with about 200,000 are California residents.

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