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Information

The final actions of the Appropriations Committee at the end of May, as well as the recent budget agreement are narrowing the relevant bills of interest that will be passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor. Budget bill and trailer language should be available soon so that the Legislature can pass the budget by the Constitutional deadline of June 15. The budget will help us identify what measures will be funded, which measures may be held, and which measures will have to be amended to meet the limitations in the budget agreement. At the start of this month, the policy committees (e.g., Assembly Higher Education and Senate Education) are convening to hear measures passed in the first house. There are a number of policy measures that have hurdles to overcome that they did not have in their house of origin. For example, Assembly Bill 955 (Williams) passed easily out of the Assembly, but is expected to have more difficulty in the Senate Education Committee. Policy committee hearings are held until the mid-July deadline that starts the Legislature’s summer recess. After the recess, the next key deadline for legislation is August 30, 2013, when bills must pass the fiscal committees, also known as Appropriations, in order to move forward this year.

Members of Consultation Council will be provided with a detailed update on state legislative activities.