

LACCD Legislative Update – September 11, 2013

1. Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Funding Update – SB 97 & AB 103
 - There is a discrepancy between community colleges and the Department of Finance over what is the actual shortfall in RDA funding.
 - Most of the districts have completed audits to examine why there is a difference between DOF and community colleges.
 - The difference between the two at this point is around \$80 million.
 - Legislation introduced Friday – SB 97 and AB 103 – would authorize DOF to allocate up to \$100 million to community colleges, at their determination, by December 31, 2013.
 - Number likely known around November 15th, will require determination by DOF and that will likely be made in December with backfill coming before the end of the year.
 - Legislation also contains language authorizing Chancellor’s Office to assist districts with cash flow issues.
 - This issue emphasizes the need for a long-term fix. One of the top priorities next year will be to provide funding stability both through the legislative process and through the budget.

2. Legislation:
 - a. Sponsored Bill – SB 150 (Lara) – Bill would authorize community college district to exempt special part-time high school students from nonresident tuition.
 - Bill was introduced in order to address issue of concurrently enrolled high school students who would qualify for AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption upon graduation from high school.
 - The bill amended a code section that was also being amended by another measure, therefore chaptering out amendments needed to be made.
 - The bill was amended and is on the Assembly floor to be voted upon.
 - b. AB 450 (Jones-Sawyer) – Bill would have altered LACCD trustee elections to have trustees elected by trustee area rather than at large.
 - District took an oppose position on the bill.
 - Bill was placed in Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file and held.

3. AB 955 (Williams) – measure would authorize a pilot project allowing 6 community colleges to offer fee-based credit courses during winter and summer intercessions.
 - Bill passed out of Senate Appropriations with two LA-area members staying off (Sens. Lara and Padilla). Senator Padilla requested a roll-call vote.
 - The bill was amended to name the pilot districts and reduce the scope of the Chancellor’s Office oversight.
 - The measure still fundamentally undermines the mission of community colleges.
 - Bill is on the floor and will be a very tough floor battle to stop.
 - Developing a veto strategy.

4. Adult Education
 - a. SB 173 (Liu) – Bill would have eliminated state funding for the following adult education/noncredit programs:
 - ✓ Parenting

- ✓ Programs for older adults
- ✓ Home economics
- ✓ Health and safety

The bill would have impacted the entire district, but would have had a significant impact on the Pierce College ENCORE program.

- i. The bill would have had the CA Department of Education and the state Chancellor's Office develop guidelines for all adult education providers for assessment, placement and other performance measures.
 - ii. The bill would have had the commission on teacher credentialing and the Academic Senate develop recommendations for modifying reciprocity standards so that faculty could teach at both K-12 and CCC institutions.
- The bill was not voted on in Assembly Higher Education as it did not have the votes to get out of committee.
 - The author did say that she intends to bring the bill back next year. As chair of the Senate Education Committee, she may choose to hold an interim hearing on the issue.
- b. Implementation of adult education/noncredit pathways program
- \$25 million was included in the budget for implementation of regional adult education consortia. The funding is for 2-year planning grants in adult education that focus on the areas of:
 - ✓ Basic skills
 - ✓ ESL
 - ✓ Programs for adults with disabilities
 - ✓ Short-term CTE programs
 - ✓ Apprenticeship
 - Consortia must include at least one community college district and one K-12 district.
 - Chancellor's Office is in the opening stages of implementing the guidelines for the program.
 - The Chancellor's Office and the Department of Education will submit a joint report to Governor Brown and the Legislature by March 1, 2014.
 - The Chancellor's Office and the Department of Education have met to develop a structure for the implementation that includes:
 - ✓ A cabinet
 - ✓ A working group
 - ✓ A sounding board

5. Preview of October 9, 2013 Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting

- Legislative session ends September 13th and Governor has until October 13th to sign or veto bills. Information will include a more comprehensive legislative update.
- Information on issues that we see as likely being discussed next year and legislative and regulatory issues facing the district.
- Update and further information on budget changes in adult education, career pathways and proposition 39.