



2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE & BUDGET PROPOSALS

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State Policy Proposals



AB 323 (Fong) - Strong Workforce Internship Program

California's Strong Workforce Program (SWP) plays a crucial role in addressing the needs of low-income students. It fosters access to high-quality career education and workforce development opportunities in high-demand industries, empowering students to gain the education and skills needed for upward mobility and economic stability. This program effectively tackles financial and academic issues, preparing students to enter the workforce immediately upon completion. This bill will allow paid student internships to be funded by SWP dollars, particularly for students from low-income backgrounds, leading to living wage jobs in growing industries.

AB 695 (Fong) - Community College Access and Continuity Act for Deported Students

This bill would help ensure that deported community college students can continue their education online in their country of origin while maintaining in-state tuition eligibility and retaining resident status for tuition purposes upon their legal return to the United States. It would also ensure that community colleges can collect FTES for deported undocumented students.

AB 1035 (Gonzalez) - Tuition-Free Community College Baccalaureate Degree

This bill would provide free tuition to students enrolled in a community college baccalaureate degree program through the completion of their 4-year degree. The bill will lessen the total student loan debt by community college students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs while increasing the degree attainment of Californians entering the workforce out of college. Graduates from California higher education institutions are finishing their degree programs with an average student loan debt of over \$37,000. Student financial aid programs in California are typically exhausted by the end of a student's general education breadth courses or midway through completing a 4-year degree program. The bill was introduced in 2024 as AB 2093 (Santiago).

AB 861 (Solache) - LA Metro Fareless Initiative

One of the leading barriers to student success is transportation. Students must have access to affordable transportation to access courses critical to their education and workforce development. This bill continues funding for the Los Angeles Community College GoPass Program, which provides transportation access, encourages public ridership, and reduces the region's carbon footprint. In addition, the funding creates the LACCD Metro Ambassador Program, which provides a workforce component for students interested in gainful work experience that could lead to full-time employment in the LA Metro agency. LACCD is seeking \$2.5 million in funding that could be spent over three to five years to fund the GoPass and Ambassador Programs.



LACCD California Climate Change Education Center

The bill codifies the California Center for Climate Change Education at West Los Angeles College. In 2022, the state invested \$5 million in the California Center for Climate Change Education at West Los Angeles College in the Los Angeles Community College District. That funding is being used to develop a curriculum, workforce preparation training, and to conduct educational outreach on the impact of climate change. The Climate Center is currently working with local schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and community colleges regionally and statewide. A version of this bill was introduced in 2024 as AB 3142 (Jones-Sawyer).

State Budget Requests

Student Protection Support

1. Increased funding for Dream Resource Centers (DRCs)—DRCs provide critical student support services to undocumented students attending community colleges.
2. Increased funding for nonprofit immigration organizations that support undocumented students. This funding provides services to DACA, AB 540, and other community college undocumented students through the College Dream Resource Centers.
3. Increased funding for student transitional housing—The state provides community colleges with rapid rehousing funds, which have allowed them to partner with community organizations to provide emergency housing to unhoused students.

College and Career Pathway Program

The College and Career Pathway (CCPP) Pilot Program proposes to provide youth who are accused of a crime and are at least 16 years of age the potential to obtain a college certificate or degree. CCPP is a partnership between the Office of Probation, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, and the Los Angeles Community College District. LACCD believes that making the CCPP program model available statewide could significantly impact the lives of many youth who desire or need an alternative path.

LACCD supports funding for the implementation of SB 1348 (Bradford)

This Budget request would provide funding to California Community College Districts that qualify under last year's SB 1348. This bill establishes criteria and procedures for postsecondary education institutions in California to receive a designation as a California Black Serving Institution.

LACCD supports funding for the Financial Aid Equity Framework

Two years ago, the state passed a monumental policy overhauling California's Cal Grant program which expands educational access to and financial aid to eligible students. The changes to the Cal Grant programs were contingent upon significant funding available to implement the new program. The Los Angeles Community College District strongly supports funding to implement the Cal Grant Equity Framework.

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