This update contains analyses of legislative initiatives being tracked by CPEC staff. The positions indicated are those adopted by the Commission at the September 8, 2009, and earlier meetings.

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### Access

**AB 669 (Fong), Postsecondary education: residency requirements**

*As introduced February 25, 2009*  

**Commission position – Support**

**Senate — Special consent calendar**

This bill creates an exception to the uniform residency requirements used to determine whether a person is a state resident for student fees purposes at UC, CSU and the community colleges. This exemption applies to students aged 19 or under at the time of enrollment, who are dependents or wards of the state through California’s child welfare system and those formerly served by California’s child welfare system and are no longer being served due to emancipation or aging out of the systems.

Students applying from a state custodial system often have trouble accessing college and applying for aid because they cannot prove residency, complete a FAFSA, get a transcript authorized, or provide other things needed for an application. This bill allows the state welfare system to take on the “parent” role for validating residency for these students.
Affordability

AB 317 (Solorio), Postsecondary education: college textbooks
As amended April 13, 2009 Commission position – Support
Assembly Higher Education Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill
This bill contains a number of provisions intended to increase the transparency of the selection process for college textbooks.

SJR 2 (Liu), Postsecondary education: college textbook affordability
As introduced February 25, 2009 Commission position – Support
Assembly Appropriations Committee, suspense file
This measure commends Congress and the President for including the American Opportunity Tax Credit in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 enabling California to make college affordable for students. The measure expresses legislative intent to adopt similar higher education tax credits when the state’s economic conditions improve.

SB 48 (Alquist), College textbooks: electronic versions
As amended June 24, 2009 Commission position – Support
Senate, unfinished business
This bill requires that publishers of textbooks offered for sale at a public postsecondary institution make the textbooks available in an electronic format by January 1, 2020. The bill requires that electronic versions of textbooks include the same content as the printed versions and would allow the electronic versions to be copy-protected.

SB 216 (Liu), Public postsecondary education: textbooks
As amended May 5, 2009 Commission position – Support
Senate Appropriations Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill
This bill revises provisions in law affecting textbook publishers, encouraging them to take actions aimed at reducing the cost of textbooks. The bill encourages publishers to provide lists and prices of their products and requires colleges to list required textbooks for courses on their websites before the beginning of each term. This bill will likely be amended again in the coming weeks.

Postsecondary Education Facilities Funding

AB 220 (Brownley), Public education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act
As amended April 14, 2009 Commission position – Support
Assembly Education Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill
The bill states legislative intent to place the Kindergarten–University Public Education Facilities Bond Act on the ballot in the next statewide general election. The bill does not yet specify the amount of this general obligation bond. If approved by the voters, the bond would provide funds for public K-12 and postsecondary education construction projects.
SB 271 (Ducheny), Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2010

As amended May 6, 2009  Commission position – Support

Senate Appropriations Committee, failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

As recently amended, this bill proposes the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2010, a general obligation bond of $8.6 billion to be submitted to the voters for approval in the November 2010 election. Proceeds from the bond will fund the public higher education systems’ facilities construction programs. In 2006, CPEC estimated that California’s public institutions needed to spend $1.5 billion each year through 2015 for new and remodeled facilities. Capital outlay funding has been limited in the years since that report, and facility needs are likely to be even greater today. CPEC has supported increased development of joint-use facilities and other provisions. However, concerns have been expressed about provisions in the bond that allow the systems to use up to 10% of their bond proceeds to provide off-site mitigation for campus construction projects.

Private Postsecondary Education

AB 48 (Portantino), Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009

As amended July 23, 2009  Commission position – Watch

Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill establishes the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education in the Department of Consumer Affairs as a successor agency to the former Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education. The bill appropriates $580,000 from the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Administration Fund to the new bureau to begin carrying out its functions. Recent amendments exempt institutions accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges from most provisions in this act.

SB 489 (Liu), Private postsecondary education: Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform and Student Consumer Protection Act of 2009

As Amended April 1, 2009  Commission position – Watch

Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill enacts the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform and Student Consumer Protection Act of 2009. The bill establishes a Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) in CPEC and authorizes CPEC to establish policies and guidelines and to adopt regulations for providing oversight of private proprietary and other specified schools operating in California. The bill requires these institutions to apply to the BPPE for licensure and establishes procedures and standards for application and BPPE licensure. The bill requires CPEC to fulfill specified functions and responsibilities under the new act.
Segmental Mission and Functions

AB 24 (Block), California State University: feasibility study: Chula Vista

As amended July 23, 2009  Commission position – Watch

Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill requires CSU to conduct a study on the feasibility of opening a satellite center in Chula Vista, with the ultimate goal of establishing it as an independent campus. Recent amendments require CSU to complete this study by July 2011 and require a certification by the CSU Trustees that funds are available to do so. If the trustees determine that a new campus is needed at Chula Vista, they are required to submit a needs study for review by CPEC.

AB 78 (Portantino), Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school

As amended April 28, 2009  Commission position – Support

Assembly Appropriations Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill amends current law by authorizing school districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to allow high school students to enroll in community college courses. Only students who have exhausted their opportunities to enroll in an equivalent high school course, adult education program, continuation school, or regional occupational program would be covered under this statute.

The bill also deletes provisions in current law requiring school principals to provide a recommendation for students wishing to attend a community college summer session, and generally limits this summer session attendance to 5% of students from any grade level. The bill prohibits community college districts from receiving apportionment funding for an instructional activity for which a school district has been, or will be, paid and makes conforming changes to state laws.

AB 386 (Ruskin), Public postsecondary education: instructional materials: disabled students

As amended July 8, 2009  Commission position – Support

Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill authorizes public colleges and universities to provide captioning for nonprinted instructional materials for students with disabilities if the publisher does not respond to a request for this service within a two-week period. If publishers do not respond within this two-week period, institutions can create a captioned copy, as limited by federal copyright laws. The colleges must ensure that copyright owners are not deprived of appropriate compensation. The bill also requires publishers of audiovisual instructional materials and digital media files to provide captioning or other alterations to make these materials accessible to students with disabilities.

AB 500 (Conway), California State University: feasibility study: high desert campus

As amended April 16, 2009  Commission position – Watch

Assembly Higher Education Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

The bill requires CSU Trustees to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a CSU satellite program, and ultimately, a campus, in the high desert. The high desert area is defined as including parts of Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties. The study is to be completed by
January 2011. Current statute provides that any proposals for new campuses or educational centers must be approved by CPEC.

AB 723 (Conway), Community colleges: career technical education programs of instruction
As introduced February 26, 2009 Commission position – Watch
Failed to meet Legislative deadlines, now a 2-year bill
This bill expresses legislative intent to develop and adopt uniform, objective, high-quality criteria for evaluating programs in career technical education at community colleges.

AB 867 (Nava), CSU: Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
As amended July 23, 2009 Commission position – Watch

Senate Appropriations Committee
This bill authorizes CSU to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The bill would distinguish the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from research-based doctoral degrees offered at UC. The bill requires that these programs be designed to enable professionals to earn the degree while working full time, train nurses for advanced practice, and prepare faculty to teach in post-secondary nursing programs. The bill requires CSU to report each year on the status of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program. Recent amendments clarify that degree programs established by the bill are not exempt from the CPEC review process.

AB 1295 (Fuller), Postsecondary education: nursing degree programs
As amended July 23, 2009 Commission position – Watch

Senate Appropriations Committee
This bill requires the establishment of an articulated transfer pathway for nursing programs between the community colleges and CSU. The bill requires the community colleges and CSU to implement transfer pathways that ensure that CSU does not require students with an associate degree in nursing seeking a BS in nursing to retake courses that were required for licensure when the student earned the associate degree.

ACA 24 (Nestande, Portantino), University of California: Constitutional Amendment
As introduced May 26, 2009 Commission position – Oppose
Assembly, awaiting first hearing
This bill repeals provisions in the state constitution relating to UC and the UC Board of Regents in January 2011. The bill requires UC and the Regents be continued in existence subject to legislative control provided by statute. The measure requires the Legislature to enact legislation to implement these provisions. The provisions in this bill are identical to those in SCA 21.

SB 147 (DeSaulnier), UC and CSU: career technical education courses
As amended June 29, 2009 Commission position – Oppose, unless amended
Assembly Appropriations Committee
As introduced, this bill required CSU to recognize high school career technical education (CTE) courses that meet the CTE model curriculum standards as satisfying the elective requirement in the a–g college admission requirements. Proposed amendments require CSU to allow students to satisfy the elective requirement by completing a CTE course that relates to a CSU undergraduate major and courses that meet the CTE model curriculum standards. Pro-
posed amendments also require CSU to establish the criteria for recognizing CTE courses and identify majors and programs for which a CTE course meets CSU academic senate’s criteria. The proposed amendments do not address CPEC’s concerns that the bill legislates portions of the current academic process by which higher education faculty determine the applicability of selected high school courses to the college preparation process. Staff recommends that CPEC continue to oppose this bill unless it is amended to address CPEC’s concerns.

SB 599 (Negrete McLeod), Workforce development
As amended July 9, 2009  Commission position – Support

Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill was amended to include a provision requiring the successor agency to the former Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE) to report all available data on the institutions under its oversight to CPEC. This provision would take effect only if AB 48 (Portantino) which creates a successor agency to BPPVE is enacted and becomes effective by January 2010. Other recent amendments require local workforce investment boards to consider national, regional, or industry accredited private postsecondary educational institutions for job training services and education programs in awarding grants for job training services and education programs.

CPEC currently compiles a wide variety of data about higher education in California, but has not had success in past years in acquiring data on for-profit and other private schools.

SCA 21 (Yee, Ashburn), University of California: Constitutional Amendment
As introduced May 26, 2009  Commission position – Oppose

Senate Rules, awaiting committee assignment

This bill repeals provisions in the state constitution relating to UC and the UC Board of Regents on January 2011. The bill requires UC and the regents be continued in existence subject to legislative control provided by statute. The measure requires the Legislature to enact legislation to implement these provisions. The provisions in this bill are identical to those in ACA 24.

Student Fees and Financial Aid

AB 38 (Salas) Postsecondary education: resident classification: veterans
As amended April 14, 2009  Commission position – Support

Assembly Appropriations Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill repeals an existing provision of law that determines residency status for military veterans and enacts the Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2009. Currently, a student who was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in California on active duty for more than one year immediately before being discharged can be classified as a resident for student fee purposes for the length of time they lived in California after being discharged up to the minimum time necessary to become a resident. This bill deletes the one-year requirement. The student would have to meet other requirements, including eligibility for federal veterans’ education benefits.
AB 69 (Duvall), Postsecondary education: enrollment growth

As amended April 2, 2009

Assembly Higher Education Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill was amended to require CSU and requests UC to include specified information on graduation and retention in their annual enrollment reports. As introduced, the bill required CSU and UC to set fees over a four-year period instead of annually, effective with the 2010–11 fiscal year. The bill also now requires the Department of Finance to develop projections for UC and CSU enrollment based on changes in the number of high school graduates expected in the coming fiscal year. These projections would be used for UC and CSU enrollment funding.

Staff recommend that CPEC work with the author to clarify the impact of these provisions and the author’s intent.

AB 187 (Committee on the Budget)  Postsecondary education: Cal Grant Program.

As amended, September 4, 2009

Senate Floor, second reading

Existing law (SB 1644, Ortiz, Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000) establishes the Cal Grant Program for financial aid awards to college and university students. Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards are two of the many Cal Grant programs administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). This bill requires CSAC to establish a voluntary pilot program for an alternative, institution-based delivery system for Cal Grant Entitlement awards. This program will not become effective until at least 30 qualifying public institutions agree to participate, but is limited to 35 institutions.

The bill contains various provisions guiding this pilot program and does not contain a sunset date. The bill requires the Legislative Analyst to report on the implementation of the pilot program by January 10, 2011, though this date will likely be changed to 2012. The bill also reapropriates $4.3 million for the 2009–10 fiscal year to CSAC for administration of student financial aid programs that had earlier been vetoed by the Governor from its budget.

SB 15 (Cedillo), Student financial aid: members and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States

As amended March 25, 2009

Senate Appropriations Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill amends current law on Cal Grant A and B awards to entitle otherwise eligible students who are veterans or members the U.S. Armed Forces, and who enroll in a community college career technical education program or qualifying undergraduate certificate or degree program, beginning with the 2010–11 academic year.

The bill requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to make preliminary awards to all currently eligible applicants, who would be required to affirm in writing that they meet the program requirements. The bill requires CSAC to randomly select at least 10% of awards made under these provisions to verify that students meet eligibility requirements, and to seek repayment of improperly-disbursed funds. The bill requires CSAC to report annually to the Legislature and Governor the number of awards made under this program.
SB 160 (Cedillo), Student financial aid: institutional financial aid eligibility

As introduced February 14, 2009

Commission position – Support

Senate Appropriations Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill requires the CSU Trustees and the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, and to requests the UC Regents, to establish procedures enabling persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition under AB 540 Firebaugh (Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) to be eligible to receive institutional financial aid. The bill defines “institutional financial aid” to include grants, scholarships, work-study, and loan programs, but excludes community colleges Board of Governors fee waivers. The bill is consistent with legislation that CPEC supported in recent years to make education more affordable to undocumented students covered under AB 540. These students must have attended California high schools for three or more years and must have filed an affidavit that they are seeking lawful immigration status.

Workforce Development

AB 35 (Furutani), Education: workforce preparation

As amended April 13, 2009

Commission position – Support

Assembly Higher Education Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill was recently amended to require CPEC to conduct stakeholder meetings to develop recommendations for a strategic plan for workforce development and career technical education in public education. CPEC is to complete this work in cooperation with the California Department of Education and the California Workforce Investment Board and report its recommendations to the Legislature. The bill also declares legislative intent to develop an education system strategic plan for workforce preparation. CPEC supports the goals of this bill. The bill provides no funding to support this additional workload. Staff recommend that CPEC work with the author to secure sufficient resources to complete this project.

AB 36 (Furutani), Public education: basic skills training

As amended April 13, 2009

Commission position – Watch

Assembly Higher Education Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill was recently amended to require CPEC, in consultation with the Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, to develop recommendations for basic skills programs and report them to the Legislature. The bill also declares legislative intent to develop a readiness year program in public education that provides basic skills training for students entering or reentering an academic institution or the workforce. The program would be designed to help prepare these students to meet California’s career technical education and workforce development needs. The bill is consistent with CPEC’s goals on workforce development but provides no funding to support this additional workload. Staff recommend that CPEC work with the author and the Chancellor’s Office to determine and secure the resources required to complete this project.

AB 148 (Coto), Commission on Teacher Credentialing: study on transformational leadership

As amended March 10, 2009

Commission position – Watch

Senate Rules, waiting Committee assignment

This bill requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to conduct a study to recommend more effective paths to transformational leadership, through the administrative credential process on the part of school principals and leaders. The bill requires CTC to conduct
the study between July 2010 and June 2011, and report its findings to the Legislature by December 2011. The bill repeals those provisions as of January 1, 2012.

**SB 199 (Ducheny), Postsecondary education: instructional strategies: subject matter projects**

*As amended April 22, 2009*

*Commission position – Support*

*Senate Appropriations Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill*

Existing law authorizes the UC Regents to establish and maintain cooperative endeavors designed to develop teachers’ subject matter knowledge in six areas. Existing law provides goals for these projects. One goal is to provide support to teachers to develop the content knowledge and pedagogical skills necessary to implement State Board of Education standards. This bill provides that this support may include assistance to teachers to develop the content knowledge and pedagogical skills necessary to develop and deliver instruction in multiple-pathway programs and career technical education. The bill would also authorize three additional subject matter projects: the California Physical Education-Health Project, the California Arts Project, and the California Foreign Language Project.

**AB 1495 (V. Manuel Perez), CPEC: workforce development**

*As introduced February 27, 2009*

*Commission position – Support*

*Failed to meet Legislative deadlines, now a 2-year bill*

Existing law establishes CPEC as the statewide postsecondary education coordinating and planning agency and provides for its responsibilities. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require CPEC to establish an initiative to improve coordination between local workforce development agencies and the state’s education system.

**Other Areas**

**AB 218 (Portantino), Postsecondary education: educational and economic goals for California higher education**

*As introduced February 3, 2009*

*Commission position – Support*

*Senate Rules, Joint Rule 62(a) suspended*

The bill deletes the following CPEC statutory requirements from current law: (1) develop criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of all aspects of postsecondary education; (2) convene an intersegmental advisory committee on transfer; (3) review and make recommendations on postsecondary programs for adult education; (4) report on the financial conditions of independent institutions; (5) annual reporting requirements from CSU, UC, and the community colleges to CPEC on transfer patterns. This bill repeals the existing higher education accountability program and requires the state to establish a new accountability framework with prescribed goals for higher education. Data collected would be reported to the Legislature and the Governor and made available to the public. The bill is consistent with provisions in SB 325, which the Commission supported last legislative session.
AB 440 (Beall), California Community Colleges: student transfer  
As amended July 2, 2009  
Commission position – Support  
Senate Education Committee  
This bill enacts the College Student Success Act which authorizes community colleges to grant an associate in arts degree in transfer studies to a student meeting specified requirements.

AB 1182 (Brownley), Public postsecondary education: reporting requirements  
As amended April 30, 2009  
Commission position – Support  
Senate Floor, third reading  
This bill expresses the intent of the Legislature to refine higher education reporting requirements to provide for more effective, manageable, and transparent reporting in higher education. The bill further expresses the intent of the Legislature that the Budget Act for the 2010–11 fiscal year modify recurring Budget Bill language, as specified. This bill is the re-run of last year’s AB 1821 that CPEC worked on and strongly supported.

AB 1222 (Lowenthal), CSU and UC: alumni disclosure  
As amended July 23, 2009  
Commission position – Support  
Senate Floor, second reading  
This bill extends current law expiring in January 2011 that protects personal information of donors to CSU, UC, and the Hastings College of the Law. The bill provides donors with proper notice before identifying information about them is made available to the public. Recent amendments extend the repeal date of these provisions to January 1, 2016.

SB 19 (Simitian), Education data  
As amended May 4, 2009  
Assembly, placed on inactive file  
Commission position – Watch  
This bill authorizes that federal grant funds received under the Education Technical Assistance Act for Statewide Data Systems, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, be used to implement existing statutory provisions which require the State Chief Information Officer to convene a working group to create a strategic plan to link education data systems and to accomplish specified objectives on accessibility of education data.

SB 123 (Liu), California Career Resource Network Program  
As amended March 25, 2009  
Commission position – Support  
Signed by Governor on August 5, 2009; Chapter 32, Statutes of 2009  
The California Career Resource Network provides career development information and resources to Californians. This bill establishes this network as a program in the California Department of Education. At present, this network consists of representatives from the following offices: 

- Director of Employment Development
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Chancellor of the California Community Colleges
- Director of Rehabilitation
- Director of Social Services
- Executive Director of the California Workforce Investment Board
Executive Secretary of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education
Director of the California Youth Authority
Director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Director of the Department of Developmental Services

This bill establishes these representatives as the State Agency Partners Committee and requires the Committee to coordinate the use of network information and resources in its programs. These provisions would become operative in July 2010. CPEC has supported interagency initiatives that help Californians develop better-informed career paths and obtain employment.

SB 775 (Liu), Postsecondary education: accountability program

As amended April 14, 2009
Commission position — Support

Senate Education Committee — failed deadline, now a 2-year bill

This bill repeals the current higher education accountability program established through Assembly Bill 1808 (Hayden, Chapter 741, Statutes of 1991). The bill requires the state to establish a new accountability framework to achieve prescribed educational and economic goals. CPEC staff will work with the author to relate CPEC’s extensive policy work on this issue. This bill was heard in the Senate Education Committee and it was agreed that a later committee hearing on the bill will be set. This action means that SB 775 will be taken up again in the second year of this legislative session.

Other Bills being Monitored by Staff

AB 8 (Brownley), Education finance: working group

As amended July 23, 2009
Commission position — informal track

Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill requires the Director of Finance and the Legislative Analyst to convene a working group to examine current methods of financing public K-12 education with the goal of restructuring the way the state finances K-12 education. This group is to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by December 2010.
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