

California Student Aid Commission  
Data, Research and Strategic Planning Committee

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## Item 5

### (Information Item)

#### Update on Student Loan Workgroup

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**SUMMARY:**

This agenda item provides an update on the California Student Loan Debt Service Review Workgroup, including its activities to date and upcoming processes to develop a set of recommendations for the California State Legislature and Department of Finance, due September 1, 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information item only; no action is requested.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Budget Act of 2020 established the California Student Loan and Debt Service Review Workgroup with an expressed charge of researching “implementable strategies and concepts that are focused on better ensuring that borrowers are able to access the most financially beneficial loan programs, most affordable repayment plans, and any available debt service forgiveness programs.”

To assist in the facilitation of the Workgroup, California Student Aid Commission has engaged with a research partner (HCM Strategists) who has assembled relevant speakers, performed significant environmental scan work on the subject matter, and has begun documenting draft recommendations generated by the Workgroup members.

The Workgroup has met four times: October 28, 2020, December 10, 2020, January 21, 2021, and March 5, 2021. The Workgroup will deliver a report to the California State Legislature and the Department of Finance by September 1, 2021.

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S):**

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Update on California Student Loan Debt Relief Workgroup  
Student Loan Debt Review Workgroup Presentation presented on March 10, 2021