

# Item 6

(Information Item)

Update on state and federal legislation

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## SUMMARY:

This item provides an update on state and federal legislation relevant to the California Student Aid Commission's (Commission) programs and policy priorities adopted in December 2020.

## RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item; no action is required.

## BACKGROUND:

The second year of the two-year 2021-22 legislative session concluded on August 31, 2022, giving Governor Newsom until September 30, 2022, to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature. In 2022, the Commission successfully sponsored AB 2286 (Irwin) and co-sponsored AB 1746 (Medina, McCarty, Leyva) which was adopted in the State Budget, while supporting six additional bills. Commission staff also tracked several other bills that would have direct or indirect impact to Commission operations and programs.

This year, the following Commission's priority tracked bills were signed into law by Governor Newsom:

- AB 2004 (C. Garcia)
  - California DREAM Loan Program enhancements
- AB 2286 (Irwin)
  - CSAC authority to receive and manage philanthropic funding
- AB 2810 (Arambula)
  - Student notification of eligibility for CalFresh
- SB 641 (Skinner)
  - CalFresh for College Students Act
- SB 1141 (Limón)
  - Expansion of AB 540 Eligibility
- SJR 9 (Limón)
  - Resolution for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the nonresident tuition exemption: AB 540

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These six chaptered bills will expand financial aid opportunities for undocumented students, strengthen CalFresh access among college students, and enhance the Commission's ability to advance its mission through partnerships and philanthropic funding authority.

The "Summary of Priority Tracked Legislation" attachment provides an update on the status of these priority tracked bills and other relevant legislation.

In addition to tracking state legislation, Commission staff have also tracked federal legislation and budget policies. On October 18, 2022, the Federal Student Aid Office released the Biden-Harris Student Loan Debt Relief application that grants up to \$20,000 in debt relief to eligible federal loan borrowers until the end of 2023.

Lastly, at the time of drafting this document, the federal 2023 appropriations package was still being negotiated beyond its October 1, 2022, deadline. As a result, President Biden signed into law H.R. 6833, a temporary spending bill or continuing resolution, to fund the federal government through December 16, 2022, to avoid a government shutdown. Staff will share any relevant updates regarding developments around federal appropriations or legislative activity impacting financial aid policy.

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### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

Summary of Priority and Tracked Legislation  
State Legislative Bill Matrix