



## *2014 Year-End Briefing*

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### ***Annual Year-End Briefing recaps UC's legislative year***

**T**his 2014 edition of the UC Office of State Governmental Relations (SGR) *Year-End Briefing* wraps up legislation that posed a “significant impact” to the University during the past year.

Among the most important legislation this year were bills sponsored by the University, including: AB 1838 (Bonilla), creating a licensure pathway for graduates of accelerated medical education programs; AB 1989 (Chesbro), permitting 18 to 20 year old students enrolled in qualified wine-making and brewmaster programs to taste the product of their classroom or laboratory labor before their 21st birthday; AB 2726 (Daly), streamlining the sale of surplus UC real estate; SB 502 (Block), providing UC more flexibility in the construction RFP process on our campuses; and SB 1210 (Lara), creating the California DREAM Loan Program. Governor Brown signed all of the bills in UC's legislative portfolio for 2014. Challenges UC faced this year included AB 1834 (Williams), which sought to unionize UC graduate student researchers, and AB 2616 (Skinner), which would have created a presumption that a hospital health care worker afflicted by a methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) skin infection was exposed to MRSA as part of their employment. AB 1834 was held by the Legislature, and AB 2616 was vetoed by the Governor.

The University tracked approximately 400 “significant impact” bills this year and took positions on over 60 measures that directly affected academic affairs, business operations, and health sciences and services. Significant bills in 2014 included AB 13 (Conway), regarding tuition rates for eligible veterans; AB 475 (Brown), changing the Student Athlete Bill of Rights; AB 1348 (Perez J), establishing a new California Higher Education Authority to replace the CA Postsecondary Education Commission; AB 1433 (Gatto), relating to policies and procedures for reporting Part 1 violent crimes, sexual assault, or hate crimes committed on or off campus; AB 1558 (Hernandez), requesting UC establish an all-payer claims database; AB 1755 (Gomez), amending California privacy breach notification by extending reporting timelines; AB 1953 (Skinner), creating the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Fund; AB 2099 (Frazier), establishing minimum requirements for postsecondary institutions approved by the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education to participate in federal veterans education benefits (Title 38); AB 2232 (Gray) and SB 841 (Cannella), appropriating General Fund money to expand the San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education and develop a plan to establish a medical school at UC Merced; AB 2235 (Buchanan), providing \$4 billion in K-University bonds; AB 2350 (Bonilla), preventing pregnancy discrimination at postsecondary educational institutions; AB 2431 (Dababneh), relating to the adoption of research on cats and dogs; SB 836 (Corbett), enacting the Cal BRAIN Act of 2014; SB 857 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review), updating financing structure for the MLK Jr. Community Hospital in Los Angeles; SB 876 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review), making changes to education budget trailer bills; and SB 1200 (Padilla), relating to high school computer science classes for academic requirements in undergraduate admission. These bills are discussed in greater detail in the following sections.

### *UC's 2014 Legislative Portfolio*

**AB 1838 (Bonilla)** creates a pathway in licensure for accelerated medical education programs. While this effort will benefit all graduates of all accelerated programs (i.e., those that are nationally accredited) to be licensed in California, the UC Davis School of Medicine offers the first such program within the UC system. The bill was signed by the Governor on July 18, 2014.

**AB 1989 (Chesbro)** allows certain students enrolled in enology or brewmaster programs at UC, the California State University (CSU), and the California Community Colleges (CCC), to receive an exemption from current state age restrictions in order to fully participate in bona fide classes and programs where tasting of wine or beer is a necessary aspect of the class or program. The bill was signed by the Governor on July 21, 2014.

**AB 2726 (Daly)** reduces administrative costs associated with the sale or other disposition of University-owned property. Specifically, this measure increases the number of properties that can be exempted from the cumbersome sealed-bid process and allows the University to take into account factors other than just price when considering offers from potential buyers. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 16, 2014.

**SB 502 (Block)** increases the threshold by which the University may employ informal competitive bidding from \$100,000 to \$640,000, facilitating project delivery and ultimately saving both time and taxpayer costs. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 16, 2014.

**SB 1210 (Lara)** establishes a campus-based California DREAM Loan Program to serve UC and CSU students who qualify for a nonresident tuition exemption under AB 540 but who lack access to federal student loans. The bill was co-authored by CSU, the UC Student Association, and the California State Student Association. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014.

### *Major Legislation Focused on the University of California*

**Bill requiring updating of policies and procedures for reporting Part 1 violent crimes signed by Governor.** **AB 1433 (Gatto)** requires the governing board of each public, private and independent postsecondary educational institution that receives public funds for student financial assistance to adopt and implement written policies and procedures governing the reporting of sexual assaults on campus to local to law enforcement agencies. UC had a Neutral position on the bill, which the Governor signed the bill on September 29, 2014.

**Governor line item vetoes funds for deferred maintenance.** **AB 1476 (Skinner)**, would have provided UC and CSU with \$50 million in one-time funds for deferred maintenance. While the Governor's line item veto was disappointing, the Legislature has fought hard for this funding, and Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins has vowed to reintroduce this measure next year when the Legislature returns, hopefully with a better result.

**Bill to confer collective bargaining rights on UC graduate student researchers (GSRs) held in committee.** **AB 1834 (Williams)** would have amended the Higher Education Employer

Employee Relations Act to create collective bargaining rights for UC's GSRs. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The University anticipates that the bill it will be reintroduced next year, marking the fifth straight year that UC will face and likely oppose this measure.

**Higher Education Energy Efficiency Fund legislation held in committee. AB 1953 (Skinner)** would have created the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Fund in the State Treasury and allowed the California Energy Commission to provide financial assistance to UC and CSU campuses for building retrofits to allow for a reduction in the demand for energy. The University had a Support position on the bill. The bill was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Hospital health care worker MRSA presumption bill vetoed by Governor. AB 2616 (Skinner)** would have established a legal presumption for certain hospital employees in the workers' compensation system that MRSA skin infection is caused by their employment. This issue had been pursued through several legislative cycles but had never reached the Governor's office before now. UC requested a veto, and the Governor vetoed the bill on September 29, 2014.

**Veteran tuition policy bill signed by Governor. AB 13 (Conway)** requires CCC and CSU, and requests UC to conform their policies to a specified federal statute and the requirements of existing law that allow veterans to pay resident tuition rates regardless of residency. The University had a concern position on the prior version of the bill, and amendments made to the bill on the Senate Floor addressed our concerns. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2014.

**Bill relating to Student Athlete Bill of Rights held by Legislature. AB 475 (Brown)** would have required California institutions of higher education to guarantee athletic scholarships for five academic years and provide a \$3,600 student-athlete participation stipend as part of each full athletic scholarship awarded by these institutions and would have banned any restrictions on transfers to other schools by student athletes. The University opposed the bill because it believed it would have disrupted intercollegiate athletics for student-athletes at a limited number of California institutions by rendering the student-athletes ineligible for NCAA competition. This result is directly contrary to agreements reached in a similar effort that became law just this year -- SB 1525 (Padilla), known as the Student-Athlete Bill of Rights. The bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**Appropriations Committee held bill to replace CPEC. AB 1348 (Perez J)** would have established a new California Higher Education Authority (Authority) to replace the California Postsecondary Education Commission. The University was concerned about the composition of the Authority's board of directors, which would have been comprised of lay persons and students and would not have provided a voice for the segments themselves, which have the fiduciary and State responsibility for these institutions. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Appropriations Committee held bill to create California Health Data Organization. AB 1558 (R. Hernández)** would have created the California Health Data Organization within UC to organize data provided by health plans and insurers on a Web site to allow consumers to

compare the prices paid for procedures, as specified. UC had an Opposed Unless Amended position on the bill, which was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Governor signs bill to handle breaches of patients' medical information. AB 1755 (Gomez)** lengthens the deadline to report privacy breaches to the California Department of Public Health and the patient from five business days to 15 business days. After several negotiations between all stakeholders, this lengthened timeframe is viewed as enormously helpful to the UC medical centers. This bill will also authorize a breach notification to be made to the patient or the patient's representative by alternative means (other than U.S. mail, as currently required by law), such as email, as specified by the patient. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 18, 2014.

**CSAAVE participation in federal veteran's education benefits legislation signed by Governor. AB 2099 (Frazier)** requires the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE) to certify a private postsecondary educational institution as eligible for Title 38 awards if the institution is issued an approval to operate from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education and satisfies other Title 38 qualification criteria. UC worked closely with the author on amendments to remove costly reporting requirements, and UC supported the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 27, 2014.

**Funding for PRIME and UC Merced medical school held. AB 2232 (Gray) and SB 841 (Cannella)** would have appropriated from the General Fund \$1,855,000 to expand the San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education (PRIME) and \$1,000,000 to develop a plan to establish a medical school at UC Merced. During the legislative process, the \$1 million for the UC Merced medical school was stripped from the bill and the amounts allocated to UC Merced were reduced to \$1.255 million. UC provided technical assistance to the author on the language but did not take a position on the bill. The bill failed in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Legislation to enact the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014 held in committee. AB 2235 (Buchanan)** would have authorized the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014 to provide for the issuance of \$4.3 billion in general obligation (GO) bonds for construction and modernization of education facilities (to become effective only if approved by voters) and required its submission to voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. Late in the session, UC, CSU and CCC fought efforts to remove higher education from the bond and succeed in keeping \$1 billion for our institutions in the final version of the bill. While UC had a Support position on the bill and worked hard for its passage, the measure was held on the Senate Inactive file, due principally to the lack of gubernatorial support.

**Governor signed bill to prevent pregnancy discrimination. AB 2350 (Bonilla)** seeks to increase the number of women in graduate-level academic programs by raising the awareness of prohibition against pregnancy discrimination and by seeking to protect the rights, under federal Title IX standards, of pregnant graduate students. Specifically, the bill prohibits pregnancy discrimination at postsecondary educational institutions and requires colleges and universities to implement policies to prevent a graduate student who is pregnant or has recently given birth from being unfairly penalized for choosing to take a leave of absence from her graduate studies. UC worked closely with the author on clarifying amendments to highlight important protections for students provided under Title IX and existing UC policy to ensure the equitable treatment of

students who choose to start a family while pursuing a graduate education. The University requested the Governor's signature and the Governor signed the bill on September 26, 2014.

**Bill relating to the adoption of research animals held in committee. AB 2431 (Dababneh)** would have required any public or nonpublic independent postsecondary educational institution that confines dogs or cats for research purposes and intends to euthanize the animal to first offer the dog or cat to an animal adoption or animal rescue organization. The University opposed the bill because 1) it was concerned that successful campus direct adoption programs already in place would have been discontinued and replaced with non-profit animal rescue adoption programs, and 2) the bill failed to address the complex human health and safety considerations and related costs that must be contemplated before adoption of research dogs and cats. The bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee but is likely to be reintroduced in 2015.

**Higher Education Committee held bill to create Cal Brain. SB 836 (Corbett)** would have enacted the California Blueprint for Research to Advance Innovations in Neuroscience (Cal BRAIN) Act of 2014 under which UC could have established the Cal BRAIN program to leverage California's research assets and the federal BRAIN Initiative's funding opportunities to accelerate development of brain mapping techniques. The bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee; however, this issue was simultaneously pursued in the 2014-15 budget, which included \$2 million in one-time funding to establish Cal-BRAIN.

**Bill to update financing structure of MLK Jr. Community Hospital approved by Governor. SB 857 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** updates the financing structure for the MLK Jr. Community Hospital. UC co-sponsored AB 2599 (Bass) in 2010, which established the new Martin Luther King Hospital in South Los Angeles. Los Angeles County and UC requested trailer bill language in order to update the financing structure for the MLK Jr. Community Hospital that is needed because significant changes to the overall health care system rendered the existing statutory financing scheme unworkable. The bill was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2014.

**Bill to make changes to education trailer bills signed by Governor. SB 876 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** makes various changes to the education trailer bills that were adopted as part of the 2014-15 Budget package. The bill contains language that UC recommended to the Department of Finance regarding provisions to allow UC to post project information for bidders on our Web site rather than in county-specific newspapers and trade publications. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2014.

**Governor signs bill to address sexual violence on campuses. SB 967 (de León)** will require colleges and universities in California to adopt certain policies and implement programs addressing sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including policies related to affirmative consent. UC requested the Governor's signature, and he signed the bill on September 28, 2014.

**Senate fiscal committee held bill to tax oil producers. SB 1017 (Evans)** would have provided supplemental funding for California's higher education systems, state parks and health and human services agency through a severance tax imposed on oil producers in California. The University had a Support if Amended position on the bill to address funding distribution and administrative issues. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Governor signs bill relating to high school computer science classes for UC admission. SB 1200 (Padilla)** requests UC and requires CSU to develop guidelines for high school computer science courses to be approved for admission and encourages UC to ensure that computer science courses that satisfy the math subject area requirements for admission build upon fundamental math content in courses that align with the academic content standards developed by the Academic Content Standards Commission (ACSC). UC raised strong concerns to the provisions of the bill and worked closely with the UC Academic Senate, the author, committee staff and other stakeholders to ensure the bill did not undermine the academic integrity of UC's admission requirements. The author accepted amendments that addressed UC's concerns, and the University moved to a Neutral position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 20, 2014.

### *Other Key Bills Followed Closely by UC*

- Academic Affairs

**AB 138 (Olsen)** would have required the UC Regents and the CSU Trustees to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees for California residents in each incoming first-year class in their respective segments. The tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for California residents in each incoming first-year class would not have been increased until that incoming first-year class had completed at least four academic years. The University had a Concern position on the bill because current levels of state funding do not meet UC's funding needs. The bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 181 (Logue)** would have established a pilot program to allow a high school student to earn a baccalaureate degree from a participating UC campus within three years of graduation from high school at a cost to the student not to exceed \$20,000. As amended, the bill applied only to degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – collectively known as the “STEM” fields. The University had an Oppose position on the bill, which was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The author introduced a similar bill, AB 1925, that would have increase the cost to \$25,000. However, the author did not pursue this bill.

**AB 330 (Chau)** would have required as a condition of voluntary participation in the Cal Grant Program, Cal Grant participating institutions to annually report to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), enrollment, persistence, graduation, and job placement data for its undergraduate programs. The University worked closely with the author and committee staff on amendments to remove our concerns with student borrowing and repayment reporting requirements. The author accepted the amendments, and the University took a Neutral position on the bill, which was held on the Senate Inactive file.

**AB 504 (Chesbro)** prohibits hatchery production and stocking of transgenic species of salmonids, makes it unlawful to raise any transgenic species of salmonid finfish, and prohibits research or experimentation for the commercial production of transgenic salmonids. However, the bill will authorizes a specified permit for medical or scientific research on transgenic finfish by accredited California academic institutions or private entities for research only and not for commercial production. UCLA currently holds such a permit, and intends to maintain it in the future. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 19, 2014.

**AB 609 (Nestande)** enacts the California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Act, which establishes public access publication requirements for UC faculty and other researchers who receive research grants funded by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Under AB 609, a researcher receiving a grant from CDPH would be required to submit an electronic copy of any publication generated from the research grant to CDPH or an approved publicly accessible database no later than 12 months after the work is published. The author accepted UC's requested technical amendments, and UC worked closely with the author and other stakeholders to provide technical support and expert testimony in policy discussions. The University requested the Governor's signature, and the bill was signed on September 29, 2014.

**AB 1285 (Fong)** would have deleted the 2% limit for receipt of payments for tuition and/or fees for new Cal Grant B Entitlement award recipients in their first academic year of attendance, and instead provides that, for the 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 academic years, respectively, 25%, 50%, and 75% of the Cal Grant B recipients would be eligible for payments for tuition and/or fees in their first academic year of attendance. The University had a Neutral position on the bill. However, the last set of amendments to the bill would have required institutions to provide a student with institutional aid that is equal to the award used to offset the highest interest rate loans that is part of his or her financial aid award if the Cal Grant B the student receives includes tuition costs in the first year. These amendments had significant cost implications for UC, which were shared with the author and committee staff. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**AB 1327 (Gorell)** would have prohibited public agencies from using or contracting for use of unmanned aircraft systems with certain exceptions applicable to law enforcement agencies. Given that numerous faculty and other researchers within the UC are engaged in work involving unmanned aerial vehicles – including R&D, data collection and work around the associated privacy concerns – SGR monitors such measures closely to ensure UC will have continued use of these vehicles for academic purposes. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on September 28, 2014.

**AB 1456 (Jones-Sawyer)** would have required CSAC and the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study of the effects of enacting legislation to establish a "Pay it Forward, Pay it Back Pilot Program." UC did not take a formal position on the bill but shared our operational, policy, and fiscal concerns with the author on a prior version of the bill that would have required UC, CSU and CCC to jointly conduct a study with CSAC. When AB 1456 was held in the Senate the author introduced HR 49 encouraging CSAC and the Legislative Analyst to conduct a study of the effects of enacting a Pay it Forward, Pay it Back Pilot Program, and encouraging the Legislative Analyst encouraged to be the lead agency in charge of preparing the study.

**AB 1764 (Olsen)** allows a school district to award mathematics credit for completion of a CSU and UC approved "Category C" computer science course if the district requires more than two years of mathematics courses for graduation. UC did not take a formal position on this bill but provided the author with technical support in policy discussions. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2014.

**AB 1766 (Nazarian)** would have authorized UC to participate in a pilot project establishing the University-Affiliated First Star High School Academy. UC supported the bill, working closely

with the author and other stakeholders on clarifying technical amendments and provide expert testimony. The bill was held in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

**AB 1800 (Alejo)** would have established the California Law Fellowship Program to offer licensed attorneys limited term placement opportunities in public sector legal positions within the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government and encourage participating attorneys to seek permanent employment in the public sector upon conclusion of fellowship. The University did not take a position on the bill but provided the author with technical assistance. The bill was held in the Assembly.

**AB 1927 (Frazier)** would have required the CCC and CSU, and requested UC and accredited private nonprofit and for-profit postsecondary educational institutions, to adopt policies to be used for negotiating contracts between their postsecondary educational institutions and banks and other financial institutions to disburse a student's financial aid award and other refunds onto a debit card, prepaid card, or preloaded card that best serves the needs of the students. After working with the author to remove costly provisions from the bill, UC took a Neutral position on the measure, which was vetoed by the Governor on September 29, 2014.

**AB 1977 (Hernandez R.)** would have appropriated \$82.2 million from the General Fund for UC to allocate to Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships, including a minimum allocation, in an unspecified amount, to the Puente program. The University did not take a position on the bill but did issue a letter to clarify that the appropriation requested in the bill lies outside of UC's budget priorities established by the Regents in November 2013. The bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 2160 (Ting)** requires that all public high schools electronically submit grade point averages to CSAC for all high school seniors. UC supported the bill, which was signed by Governor on September 27, 2014.

**AB 2247 (Williams)** requires all campuses serving California students of public and private postsecondary educational institutions that receive state or federal financial aid funding to post institutional accreditation documents on the institution's website. UC did not take a position on the bill but worked closely with the author and committee staff to clarifying language in the bill, which was signed by the Governor on September 17, 2014.

**AB 2548 (Ting)** would have required the California Department of Education to periodically conduct studies of the percentages of California public high school graduates estimated to be eligible for admission into UC and CSU. The University did not take a position but provided technical assistance in both budget and policy discussion on this matter. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on September 27, 2014.

**SB 135 (Padilla)** requires the Office of Emergency Services, UC, Caltech, California Geological Survey, the U.S. Geological Survey, and others to develop a comprehensive statewide earthquake early warning system through a public-private partnership and to develop an approval mechanism to review standards compliance. UC supported this bill -- faculty at UC Berkeley have been engaged in statewide early warning activities-- and the bill was signed by the Governor on September 24, 2014.



**SB 466 (DeSaulnier)** would have requested UC to house a newly established Institute for Criminal Justice Policy to consult with specified entities to conduct a cost-benefit analysis and ranking of the effectiveness of crime prevention, rehabilitation, and recidivism reduction programs, and to conduct additional research at the request of the Legislature. The University did not take a position on the bill, which was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**SB 520 (Steinberg)** would have established the California Online Student Access Incentive Grant programs as three separate programs under the administration of UC, CSU and CCC, for each segment respectively, in consultation with their respective statewide academic senates. Working with the UC Academic Senate, UC strongly opposed provisions of the bill that it felt did not add value to existing online course development efforts. Although the author amended the bill in an effort to address the concerns of stakeholders, agreement could not be reached, and the bill remained in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**SB 845 (Correa)** requests UC and private postsecondary educational institutions, and requires CSU and CCC to develop, in consultation with stakeholders, model contracts for disbursing financial aid, scholarships, campus-based aid, or refunds on debit, prepaid, or preloaded cards, and to make these model contracts and all binding contracts of this nature publicly available on their Websites. The University had a Neutral position on the bill, which was signed by the Governor on July 10, 2014.

**SB 850 (Block)** authorizes the CCC Board of Governors, in consultation with CSU and UC, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program at not more than 15 CCC districts. The University did not take a position on the bill, which was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014.

**SB 928 (Correa)** would have required the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to establish and operate, or create a public-private partnership to establish and operate, an international trade and investment office in Mexico City, Mexico. The bill would have required the Mexico City trade and investment office to facilitate access to educational exchange programs between California and Mexico. The University did not take a position on the bill but provided the author with technical assistance based on UC's ongoing relationship with Mexico on student exchange programs. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on September 29, 2014.

**SB 1196 (Liu)** would have required UC, CSU, and CCC to each develop and annually report on five year plans to meet attainment goals to be developed by the Governor, as well as take into account the existing three state goals for higher education placed into statute last year by SB 195 (Liu), and the segment-specific performance measures that were enacted last year by AB 94 (Assembly Budget Committee), a budget trailer bill. The University took a concern position due to provisions in the bill that would have required a third set of significant reporting requirements that are expensive and time-consuming to produce. The bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**SB 1247 (Lieu)** extends the sunset date for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE), under the California Private Postsecondary Education Act, from January 1, 2015 until January 1, 2017. The bill will also provide for statutory changes to the protections provided to

students and the requirements placed on private postsecondary educational institutions. The bill prohibits institutions from claiming an exemption from the Act if the institutions are approved to participate in federal veterans financial aid program. The University did not take a position on the bill. However, the bill was tracked due to amendments in the bill to make it consistent with the provisions in AB 1927 (Frazier) which the University supports. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2014.

**SB 1283 (Galgiani)** seeks to impose penalties and provide a means for subsequent education and treatment for those convicted of the personal possession and/or use of synthetic cannabinoid compounds or any synthetic cannabinoid derivative. The University worked closely with the author on amendments to remove the naming of the University of California, which the author accepted, and UC will continue to work with the author next year on research carve-out language. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 16, 2014.

**SB 1330 (Hueso)** would have established the California Yellow Ribbon Matching Fund to pay a portion of UC, CSU, and CCC enrolled students' nonresident tuition. The author decided not to pursue the bill based on further policy analysis provided by the University. The bill was remained in the Senate Education Committee.

**SCA 5 (Hernandez)** would have eliminated the prohibition of using race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin on state discrimination or preference in the operation of public education. The University did not take a formal position on this bill but provided the author with technical support in policy committee. The bill was held in the Senate.

- Business Operations

**AB 2471 (Frazier)** would have required a public entity, when authorized to order changes or additions in the work in a public works contract awarded to the lowest bidder, to issue a change order promptly, and in no event later than 60 days after the extra work was to be performed and documentation was to be submitted. The University did not take a position on the bill. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee, but UC expects the bill sponsors – United Contractors – to introduce the bill again in 2015.

**SB 1022 (Huff)** will request UC and require CSU to publicly provide graduate labor market outcome information relating to graduates of their undergraduate programs. UC worked closely with the author to ensure we could provide the necessary data and supported the measure. The Governor signed the bill on September 17, 2014.

- Health Sciences and Services

**AB 503 (Wieckowski)** would have required a standardized format for community benefit plans and developed a standardized methodology for estimating the economic value of community benefits provided by nonprofit hospitals. The University recognized the potential impact to the healthcare industry this bill might have had, and therefore worked with the California Hospital Association (CHA) in coalition with several other hospital organizations. UC did not take a position independent of CHA on the bill. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**AB 1759 (Rendon)** would have required the State Department of Health Care Service to contract with an independent entity for purposes of conducting an independent assessment of Medi-Cal provider reimbursement rates, access to care, and the quality of care received in the Medi-Cal program, reflecting the variety of providers and services offered in the program. UC provided a fiscal analysis on this bill to Senate Appropriation Committees, which held the bill.

**SB 491 (Hernandez E.)** would have proposed changes in the “scope of practice” for nurse practitioners who are licensed to practice in California. The University had a Support position on the bill, which was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**SB 1299 (Padilla)** requires the Cal/OSHA Standards Board to issue regulations requiring hospitals to adopt workplace violence prevention plans and establish requirements related to reporting and recordkeeping. The California Hospital Association had an oppose position on this bill and UC provided a fiscal analysis at the request of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The University did not take a position independent of CHA on the bill. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 29, 2014.

**SB 1322 ((Hernandez E.))** would have established the California Health Care Cost and Quality Database and required nonprofit organizations responsible for its establishment and administration to make available a public Web-based, searchable database containing utilization, pricing and quality data by January 1, 2018. The University had an Amend position on the bill to clarify that a public as well as private nonprofit organization would be eligible to bid for the state contract. UC sought additional technical amendments to clarify the conflict of interest provisions contained in the bill. The bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.