

SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1

Agenda

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Issue 1: Senate “Protect Our Progress” Plan

Panel

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Senate’s “Protect Our Progress” Proposals

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1 held four higher education hearings in March and April to discuss various issues including, but not limited to, financial aid, student housing, enrollment, base budget increases, cost pressures, student support services, and faculty needs. A recurring theme became clear: There are necessary investments and resources needed to benefit students. The Senate proposes the following ongoing and one-time proposals in addition to proposals included in the Governor’s January budget. The below table documents non-Proposition 98 General Fund proposals:

<i>Non-Proposition 98 General Fund proposals</i>		
<i>Proposal #</i>	<i>Commission or Segment</i>	<i>Description</i>
1.	California Student Aid Commission	<i>Debt Free College for current and former foster youth attending UC and CSU.</i> The Senate proposes \$15 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing and placeholder trailer bill language to expand eligibility for the Middle Class Scholarship for foster youth. Changes in trailer bill language would remove the work contribution and cover the total cost of attendance for CSU and UC students who are current or former foster youth.
2.	California Student Aid Commission	<i>Middle Class Scholarships.</i> The Senate proposes to approve the Governor’s proposed \$226 million General Fund in 2023-24 and include \$286 million General Fund in 2024-25 to maintain efforts to reach goal of Debt Free College.
3.	UC	<i>Addressing staffing issues for disability supportive programs.</i> The Senate proposes \$19 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to be dispersed to disability specific programs across UC campuses.
4.	UC	<i>Basic needs support increase.</i> The Senate proposes \$5 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support basic needs programs at UC campuses
5.	UC	<i>Mental health support services increase.</i> The Senate proposes \$5 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support mental health support programs at UC campuses

6.	UC	Rapid Rehousing Baseline Increase. The Senate proposes \$1 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support rapid rehousing initiatives for UC students
7.	UC	Cal-Bridge Statewide Initiative. The Senate proposes \$8.4 million General Fund in 2023-24, \$11.1 million General Fund in 2024-25, \$13.6 million General Fund in 2025-26, \$16.3 million General Fund in 2026-27, \$19 million General Fund in 2027-28 to diversify the California public university faculty and tech workforce through the Cal-Bridge program.
8.	UC	Economic impact study. The Senate proposes \$250,000 General Fund one-time in 2023-24 for a study of oil and gas industry change on local services and jobs by UC Merced Labor Center.
9.	UC	UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The Senate proposes \$6 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to provide a COLA to UCANR.
10.	UC	Police Records Access Project. The Senate proposes \$6.87 million General Fund in 2023-24, with an expenditure or encumbrance period of three-years, to launch a collaborative database with built-in tools that would make records related to police use of force and misconduct accessible to all members of the public – including journalists, researchers, public officials, activists and community members – through an interface that allows easy and sophisticated search and analysis.
11.	CSU	Disabled Student Supports. The Senate proposes \$5 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to be dispersed to disability specific programs across CSU campuses.
12.	CSU	Basic needs support increase. The Senate proposes \$5 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support basic needs programs at CSU campuses
13.	CSU	Mental health support services increase. The Senate proposes \$5 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support mental health support programs at CSU campuses
14.	CSU	Rapid rehousing increase. The Senate proposes \$1 million General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support rapid rehousing initiatives for CSU students
15.	CSU	CalFresh outreach support. The Senate proposes \$1 million General Fund per year for three years starting in 2023-24 to Center for Healthy Communities at CSU Chico to address the continued crisis of food insecurity on college campuses
16.	CSU	CSU San Bernardino Master Of Science in Physician Assistant program. The Senate proposes \$4.34 million one-time General Fund in 2023-24 for capital projects that will provide additional classroom and laboratory capacity to increase the class size from 40 students per cohort to 50 students per cohort each year.

Additionally, the Senate proposes the following one-time and ongoing proposals for the community colleges with Proposition 98 funding:

Proposition 98 General Fund proposals		
Proposal #	Segment	Description
17.	CCC	Addressing ongoing learning loss, recruitment and retention issues at community colleges. The Senate proposes \$100 million Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing and trailer bill language for local discretionary purposes on activities that directly support students, mitigate learning loss related to COVID-19 impacts, and promote targeted recruitment and retention efforts across the state. Includes reporting language that tracks use of funds, identification of effective strategies, and impacts of strategies on student enrollment and retention.
18.	CCC	Rapid rehousing baseline increase. The Senate proposes \$100 million Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support rapid rehousing initiatives for CCC students
19.	CCC	Debt Free College for California Community College for current and former foster youth. The Senate proposes \$12 million Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing and trailer bill language to amend the Student Success Completion Grant program so that students who are current or former foster youth committing to coursework with 12+ units have their total cost of attendance covered.
20.	CCC	Mental health services baseline increase. The Senate proposes \$50 million Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support mental health support programs at CCC campuses
21.	CCC	Basic needs baseline increase. The Senate proposes \$43.8 million Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support basic needs programs at CCC campuses
22.	CCC	COLA for categorical programs. The Senate proposes \$51.3 million Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to provide an 8.13 percent COLA for Punte, Mathematics, Engineering, Umoja, Science Achievement, Student Equity and Achievement Program, Part-time faculty office hours and Part-time faculty compensation
23.	CCC	Statewide Community College LGBTQ+ Project. The Senate proposes \$10 million Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to bolster safe spaces, learning communities, and other support services for LGBTQ+ individuals in community colleges across the state.
24.	CCC	Open Educational Resources Initiative (OREI). The Senate proposes \$800,000 Proposition 98 General Fund in 2023-24 and ongoing to support OREI
25.	CCC	Associate Degree in Nursing programs at community colleges. The Senate proposes \$90 million per year, starting in 2024-25, for at least five years to grow, educate, and maintain the next generation of registered nurses through the community college system.

26.	CCC	<p><i>Los Angeles Community College District Small Business Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center at East Los Angeles College.</i> The Senate proposes \$2.5 million Proposition 98 General Fund one-time to support this center.</p>
27.	CCC	<p><i>Palo Verde Community College District – Child Development Center project.</i> The Senate proposes \$5 million Proposition 98 General Fund one-time to the Palo Verde Community College District to complete the Child Development Center project.</p>

Staff Comments. The Senate’s “Protect Our Progress” plan also modifies several Governor’s January budget proposals in higher education. The Senate’s plan rejects the delays or cuts to the following initiatives:

- Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program
- Student Housing Revolving Loan Program
- Campus project funding at UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside and UC Merced
- Library Infrastructure Grant Program
- Community college facilities maintenance and instructional equipment

As well, the Senate’s plan proposes to sweep one-time 2021-22 community college enrollment growth funding has not been earned by districts- roughly \$23.8 million Proposition 98 General Fund.

Staff Recommendation. Hold Open all proposals