



CFA Supports Two Laws to Help Save the CSU... AB 656 & SB 218

Assembly Bill (AB) 656 Higher Education: Oil and Natural Gas Extraction Tax

- AB 656 (by Asm. Alberto Torrico) provides a stable dedicated funding source to add to state support for public higher education.
- AB 656 creates revenues from a 9.9% tax placed on oil and natural gas extracted in the state. (By comparison, Alaska has an oil and natural gas extraction tax of 25 percent.)
- California – the nation’s third largest producer of oil – is the only oil-producing state that does not have an ongoing severance tax.
- AB 656 is a two-year bill that has passed the Assembly Higher Ed Committee and will proceed through the state legislative process this winter.

Senate Bill (SB) 218 Public Records Access of Campus Auxiliaries

- SB 218 updates the California Public Records Act to include auxiliary organizations connected to the UC, CSU, and community colleges.
- According to a CSU-issued document, auxiliaries account for 20% of the CSU budget or \$1.34 billion – hidden money that is not transparent or accountable to the public.
- During a period of depleted state revenue, SB 218 (by Sen. Leland Yee) will provide the public and state policymakers greater oversight and transparency in determining how college campus auxiliaries are funded and operated.
- SB 218 will go to a vote of the state Assembly in September before being sent to the Governor.

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