

# Legislative Update: Sponsored/Co-Sponsored Legislation Updated: March 26, 2025

## INTRODUCTION

The California Faculty Association (CFA), which represents over 29,000 faculty, including tenure-track professors, lecture faculty, librarians, counselors, and coaches from all 23 campuses of the California State University (CSU) system, is proud to be sponsoring (3) bills during the first year of the 2025-2026 biennial legislative session. Additionally, CFA is co-sponsoring (3) bills. All legislative proposals would bring transparency and accountability to the CSU while creating a more inclusive environment for faculty and students.

Below are summaries of CFA's sponsored/co-sponsored bills with their current status.

#### **Sponsored Bills**

- <u>Assembly Bill 326 (Kalra):</u> California State University: Audits would require an external audit of each campus of the California State University to be conducted at least once every 3 years. The bill would also require all audits of the California State University or any of its campuses, including audits conducted by the university's internal audit staff, to be available to the public.
  - Introduced on 01/27/25.
  - Passed Assembly Higher Education Committee on 03/18/25.
  - Next Step: Assembly Appropriations Committee, hearing date TBD.
- <u>Assembly Bill 530 (Hart):</u> California State University: Fiscal Transparency: would require the California State University to make their expenditures over \$10,000 of state funds publicly available on its internet website, in a format that allows the public to search and aggregate that information, by July 1, 2027.
  - Introduced on 02/11/25.
  - Passed Assembly Higher Education Committee on 03/18/25.
  - Next Step: Assembly Appropriations Committee, hearing date TBD.
- <u>Assembly Bill 958 (Sharp-Collins):</u> Trustees of the California State University: Gubernatorial and Faculty Appointees would add an additional faculty member to the CSU Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor. The bill would also require each faculty member appointee to be appointed from a list of names of at least 4 persons furnished by the Academic Senate of the California State University.
  - Introduced on 02/20/25.
  - Status: AB 958 is yet to be referred to a committee.

### **Co-Sponsored Bills**

- <u>Senate Bill 98 (Perez)</u>: Elementary, Secondary, and Postsecondary Education: Immigration Enforcement: Notification would require education institutions to notify all pupils/students, faculty, staff, and other campus community members in the event that immigration officers are on campus. This bill would apply to K-12 and higher education institutions.
  - Introduced on 01/23/25.
  - Passed Senate Education Committee on 03/19/25.
  - Next Step: Senate Judiciary Committee, hearing set for 04/08/25.
- <u>Assembly Bill 340 (Ahrens):</u> Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications would establish the confidentiality of communications between union representatives and union members relating to representational matters. This bill would prohibit public employers from coercing union representatives and interfering in the representation of union members by questioning union representatives and members regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation.
  - Introduced on 01/28/25.
  - Passed Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee on 03/19/25.
  - Next Step: Assembly Appropriations, hearing date TBD.
- <u>Assembly Bill 1128 (Muratsuchi):</u> California Student Teacher Support Grant Program would establish the California Student Teacher Support Grant Program (under the administration of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing) to award grants of an unspecified amount to teaching credential candidates to compensate the candidates while they perform the required student teaching. The bill would require stipends for each student teacher to be equal to the daily substitute teacher rate for the applicant's local educational agency.
  - Introduced on 02/20/25.
  - Passed Assembly Education Committee on 03/26/25.
  - Next Step: TBD.

#### Should you have any questions regarding the CFA bill package, please feel free to reach out.

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