

# I'm Just a Bill: The Legislative Agenda for 2015

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# Overview

- o Legislative process
- o Chancellor's Office Legislative Agenda
- o ASCCC Role in Legislation
- o Advocacy
- o Questions and Answers



# Acronyms and Other Things

- o Title 5 = Regulation
- o Education Code = Legislation
- o SB = Senate Bill
- o AB = Assembly Bill
- o HR = House Resolution
- o SR = Senate Resolution
- o ACR = Assembly Concurrent Resolution
- o SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution
- o Acronyms: <http://assembly.ca.gov/glossary>



# How a bill becomes law



## House of Origin

Bill is introduced



Committee hearings



Floor action

Returned to House of Origin

If House of Origin agrees

## Other House

Committee hearings

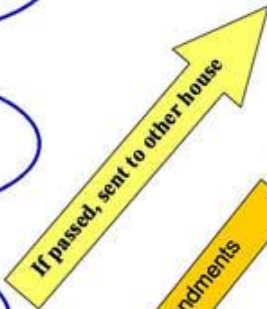


Floor action

If passed without amendments



Bill goes to Governor for signature or veto  
If no action is taken, bill automatically becomes law.\*



\*Most bills become law on January 1 of the following year.

- o CA State Legislature
  - o Assembly
    - o (80 members)
  - o Senate
    - o (40 members)

# Legislation Sponsors

- o Chancellor's Office
- o FACCC
- o CTA/CCA/CCCCI/CFT
- o Community College League of California
- o And Others such as the Campaign for College Opportunity



# Process for Developing Legislative Agenda

- o Standing Orders of the BOG & Legislative Principles
- o Legislative Program Task Force
- o Consultation Council
- o Board of Governors

# Impact of 2014 Election Results

- o CA State Legislature:
  - o New Senate & Assembly Leadership = New Priorities
  - o New Committee Chairs & Membership
  - o Special Elections
- o U.S. Senate & House of Representatives
  - o GOP Majorities in Senate & House
  - o New Committee Chairs in Senate
  - o Changes in CA Congressional Delegation



# What's Ahead in 2015?

- o Dual Enrollment
- o Adult Education
- o Career Technical Education
- o Accreditation
- o Accountability & Affordability
- o Transfer
- o Implementation of BA Degree



# ASCCC Role in Legislation Development

- Normally we have not written or sponsored legislation
- Participate on CCCCCO Legislative Program Task Force
- Suggest ideas for inclusion in legislation to other constituent groups (FACCC, CCLC, CCCCCO)
- Consult with other constituencies to refine legislative proposals

# ASCCC Role in Legislative Process

- o Participation on CCLC Advisory Committee on Legislation
- o Testify at Senate and Assembly Hearings
- o Write letters to Senate, Assembly, and Governor as appropriate
- o Lobby days—ICAS and BoG
- o Consult individually with Senate and Assembly members

# How can your Senate Stay Informed?

- o Track Legislation with FACCC.ORG
  - o Click on the “track current legislation” link in the advocacy section of the page
- o Chancellor’s Office Advocates Listserv
  - o [listserv@listserv.cccnext.net](mailto:listserv@listserv.cccnext.net)
  - o Put “subscribe advocates” in the body of a blank, non-html e-mail with no subject or signatures.
- o The Community College League of California (CCLC)
  - o [www.ccleague.org](http://www.ccleague.org)
- o Consider creating a “Legislation Liaison” Position

# What can the ASCCC do to help your local Senate?

- o “Plug-N-Play” Legislation reports
  - o Tracking current ASCCC Senate Positions regarding pending legislation
  - o Formatted to be “user friendly” for local Senate Presidents.
- o What else can we do to help you?



Questions or Comments?

Thank you for  
joining us!

