





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: January 16, 2018

SUBJECT: State and Federal Policy and Advocacy Update		Item Number: 4.4	
		Attachment: Yes (available at meeting)	
CATEGORY:	Government Relations/ Finance and Facilities	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Laura Metune, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

ISSUE: The Board of Governors will be provided with an update on recent state and federal policy and advocacy activities.

BACKGROUND: Members of the California State Legislature return on January 3rd to reconvene the second half of the 2017-2018 Legislative Session. Members are authorized to introduce bills until February 16, 2018, and hundreds of proposals are expected to be introduced between now and the bill introduction deadline.

At the federal level, as of the time of drafting, a number of major policy and funding proposals are in play. Among the major issues affecting California Community Colleges: the House and the Senate are in final negotiations on a federal tax cut proposal; the House Education and Workforce Committee introduced H.R. 4508, to reauthorize the Higher Education Act; on December 7, 2017, Congress averted a federal government shutdown by approving a two-week stopgap funding measure; and, Congressional Democrats continue to press for a permanent solution to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to be included as a part of a federal budget deal.

A current overview of state and federal policy and advocacy efforts will be provided to the Board at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented to the Board for information and discussion.