State Policy and Advocacy Update

STATE ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

The Chancellor's Office continues to engage in policy conversations and coalition building on issues including equitable placement, undocumented students, financial aid reform, and basic needs. By leveraging the collective voices of stakeholders and partners, we are fully committed in shared advocacy to advance the goals outlined in the *Vision for Success*. Our work allows us to drive policy changes that will improve student outcomes, close equity gaps, and help California recover from the economic and social challenges posed by COVID-19.

STATE LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

To date, we have identified 229 Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB) that have an impact on higher education or the Chancellor's Office. Of these bills, 72 are classified at Tier 1 and most likely to have a direct impact on the California Community Colleges (CCCs), our faculty, and students. A full Legislative Matrix and a list of all Tier 1 bills can be found by visiting the State Relations page on the Chancellor's Office website. (www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Government-Relations-Policy-in-Action/Policy-in-action/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation).

Since the last Consultation Council meeting in February, the Chancellor's Office has taken a **Support** position on AB 1746 (related to Cal Grant reform); an **Oppose** position on AB 2820 (related to Calbright); and a **Support** position on SB 885 (related to the NextUp program). Overall, we have a **Support** position on nine bills and an **Oppose** position on one bill.

Consistent with our advocacy for undocumented student supports and resources, the Chancellor's Office is also sponsoring two pieces of legislation authored by Senator Limón related to AB 540. SJR 9 commemorates October 12, 2021, as the twentieth anniversary of the passage of AB 540, while SB 1141 would expand the nonresident tuition exemption to additional California Community College students. This proposal will remove time-consuming and cost-prohibitive barriers for undocumented students, ensuring they will be successful in earning a degree or credential or transferring to a four-year university. An analysis of SB 1141 is included as part of this update.

The following policy positions are in alignment with the 2022 Legislative Guiding Principles, which authorizes the Chancellor's Office to adopt official positions on legislation if it meets the goals established in the *Vision for Success*, advances the priorities established in the 2022-23 Students First Budget and Legislative Proposal, and is consistent with Board of Governors policy. A summary of how these bills are aligned to the Legislative Principles is included as part of this update.

For additional details on bills, visit the <u>Legislative Counsel's website</u> (leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/).

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

SB 1141 (Limón) Public postsecondary education: exemption from payment of nonresident tuition.

Would remove the two-year cap on full-time enrollment in credit courses that can be counted towards achieving AB 540 status and change the threshold to qualify from three to two years of full-time attendance.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SJR 9 (Limón) 20th anniversary of the nonresident tuition exemption: American Families Plan: immigration reform.

Recognizes October 12, 2021, as the twentieth anniversary of the passage of AB 540 and calls on Congress to pass the American Families Plan, which would allow undocumented students to qualify for federal financial aid.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

NEW BILLS WITH A POLICY POSITION

AB 1746 (Medina) Cal Grant Reform Act.

Would overhaul the Cal Grant program by consolidating the existing entitlement programs into a Cal Grant 2 program for community college students and Cal Grant 4 program for four-year students, expanding access by aligning eligibility requirements with income standards for the Pell Grant, and providing an automatic inflationary adjustment to the Cal Grant award for community college students.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Position: Support

Principle: **Financial Aid**. Support legislation that increases financial aid available to help community college students cover the total costs of college success, removes eligibility barriers to accessing financial aid for disproportionately impacted students, and provides adequate resources to college financial aid offices to support students.

AB 2820 (Medina) California Online Community College.

Would add a sunset date to provisions that authorize the creation of Calbright. Specifically, this bill would provide that the California Online Community College Act is inoperative on January 1, 2024, and appropriate Calbright's funding for specified purposes.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

Position: **Oppose**

Principle: **Single District Legislation.** Maintain neutrality around district-specific legislation *unless* it affects or diverges resources allocated to all districts or deviates from the mission of the California Community Colleges.

SB 885 (Laird) Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program.

Would remove the 20 district cap on CAYFES/NextUp funds, formally change the name of the program to NextUp, eliminate the unit requirement for eligible students, and reduce the amount of funds the Chancellor's Office can set aside for administrative costs.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Position: Support

Principle: **Special Student Populations**. Support legislation that allows colleges to provide educational opportunities to historically underrepresented populations outlined in Student Equity Plans, such as undocumented, first-generation, low-income, foster youth, veterans, justice-involved students, homeless students, and students with disabilities.

OTHER BILLS WITH A POLICY POSITION

AB 75 (O'Donnell) Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022.

This bond bill, if approved by voters during an unspecified statewide election in 2022, would provide \$12 billion to construct and modernize K-14 education facilities. This bill includes an urgency statute.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Position: Support

Principle: **Facilities**. Support legislation that provides adequate resources and authority for the system to meet facility needs, including student housing, as outlined in the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and System Budget Request.

AB 102 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.

Would remove the sunset date of January 1, 2027, for the College and Career Access Pathway (CCAP) program and authorize a county office of education to enter into a CCAP partnership with a community college district.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

Position: Support

Principle: **Dual Enrollment**. Support legislation that reduces unnecessary barriers and increases dual enrollment opportunities for historically underserved students.

AB 288 (Calderon) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021.

Would prohibit each institution of higher education from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid award below their financial need beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

Position: Support

Principle: **Financial Aid**. Support legislation that increases financial aid available to help community college students cover the total costs of college success, removes eligibility barriers to accessing financial aid for disproportionately impacted students, and provides adequate resources to college financial aid offices to support students.

AB 1187 (Irwin) Community colleges: tutoring.

Would provide that supervised tutoring for all credit and noncredit courses, as authorized pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Governors by July 31, 2023, is eligible for state apportionment.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Access**. Support efforts that remove barriers to college access and expands opportunity (e.g., standardized testing, admissions, placement practices).

AB 1232 (McCarty) Nonresident tuition fees: English as a second language courses.

Would create a nonresident tuition exemption for recent immigrants, refugees, and asylees who have settled in California, resided in the state for less than one year, and enrolled in credit ESL courses.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

Position: Support

Principle: **Special Student Populations**. Support legislation that allows colleges to provide educational opportunities to historically underrepresented populations outlined in Student Equity Plans, such as undocumented, first-generation, low-income, foster youth, veterans, justice-involved students, homeless students, and students with disabilities.

SB 22 (Glazer) Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022.

This bond bill, if approved by voters during an unspecified statewide election in 2022, would provide \$2 billion for the California Community Colleges to construct and modernize education facilities.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

Position: Support

Principle: **Facilities**. Support legislation that provides adequate resources and authority for the system to meet facility needs, including student housing, as outlined in the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and System Budget Request.

SB 641 (Skinner) CalFresh for College Students Act.

Would require the Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup that would submit a legislative report on how to improve the CalFresh application process for college students.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

Position: Support

Principle: **Basic Needs**. Support legislation that increases access to services and programs that address students' basic needs, including but not limited to, food insecurity, housing and homelessness, health care, and mental health.

TWO-YEAR BILLS UNDER REVIEW

AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer) Public postsecondary education: pilot program for free cost of attendance.

Would establish a working group with specified higher education representatives to consider the creation of a pilot program that would cover the total cost of attending postsecondary education in California.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 421 (Ward) Career development and college preparation courses.

Would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, no later than May 31, 2022, requiring the accounting of students enrolled in career development and college preparation courses to be conducted by positive attendance count or on a census date basis.

Status: Referred to the Senate Inactive File.

AB 595 (Medina) University of California and California State University: student eligibility policy.

Would require the CSU, and request the UC, before adding any changes in student eligibility policy that affects students of that segment, to engage in a multi-step process prior to making said change.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 778 (E. Garcia) Purchase of California-grown agricultural food products.

Would require all California state-owned or state-run institutions, including public universities and colleges and school districts, to only purchase agricultural products grown in California unless the product is not available from an in-state source.

Status: Referred to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

AB 1106 (Cervantes) Employment Training Panel: pilot program: employment training needs.

Would require the Employment Training Panel to establish a pilot program to serve the employment training needs of small businesses and strengthen the linkages between higher education institutions and employers.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1290 (Lee) Student Aid Commission.

Would expand the Student Aid Commission to include four student members, one from each of the following: UC, CSU, CCCs and a California private postsecondary educational institution.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1467 (Cervantes) Student safety: sexual assault procedures and protocols.

Would require sexual assault counselors to be independent from the Title IX office and be appointed based on a demonstrated ability to effectively provide sexual violence victim services and response.

Status: Referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

AB 1491 (McCarty) Adult education: consortia: carryover of allocated funds.

Would prohibit a member of an adult education consortium and the consortium itself from carrying over more than 15% of its allocation from the immediately prior fiscal year and authorize the consortium to reduce the annual allocation for a member due to noncompliance.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1505 (Rodriguez) Full-time faculty obligation number.

Would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations that require the Fall 2023 full-time faculty obligation for each community college district to be set to the actual full-time faculty number reported for Fall 2022 and annually adjusted pursuant to these regulations.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

SB 20 (Dodd) Student eligibility for CalFresh benefits.

Would require the California Student Aid Commission to notify California College Promise Grant students that they may also be eligible for CalFresh benefits.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

SB 367 (Hurtado) Opioid overdose reversal medication.

Would require each public higher education institution to provide educational and preventive information regarding opioid overdose as part of established campus orientations and require each campus health center to apply to use the statewide standing order issued by the State Public Health Officer to distribute dosages of opioid reversal medication.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW

AB 1602 (McCarty) California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022.

Would provide zero-interest loans to qualifying applicants of the UC, CSU, and the CCC for the purpose of constructing affordable student, faculty, and staff housing.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1606 (Irwin) Veterans: waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.

Would prohibit higher education institutions from charging mandatory systemwide tuition or fees to the spouse or unmarried surviving spouse of any military veteran who has a service-connected disability, been killed in service, or died due to a service-connected disability and delete a provision that prohibits a dependent of veteran from receiving various educational benefits if they are in receipt of federal financial aid.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1671 (Patterson) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement for Foster Youth Act of 2022.

Would prohibit public and private higher education institutions from reducing an institution-based financial aid award below the financial need of an undergraduate student who is a current or former foster youth and a California resident.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

AB 1691 (Medina) Classified School and Community College Employee Summer Assistance Programs.

Would authorize classified employees of a participating community college district meeting certain requirements to withhold an amount from their monthly paycheck during an academic year to be paid out during the summer recess period.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

AB 1705 (Irwin) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: matriculation: assessment.

Would prohibit colleges from requiring students to enroll in pre-transfer level English or math coursework except under very limited circumstances and provide clarifying amendments to current equitable placement practices consistent with existing regulations.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1712 (Medina) Campus climate: sexual misconduct: workgroup: survey.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to convene a campus climate and sexual misconduct workgroup, develop a campus climate and sexual misconduct survey, provide the survey to students beginning on January 1, 2024, and every three years thereafter, and report the results to the governing board of each institution.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1719 (Ward) Teacher Housing Act of 2016: faculty and community college district employees.

Would expand the Teacher Housing Act of 2016 to include housing for faculty and community college district employees and specify that a district may allow current or former foster youth to occupy housing created through the program.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

AB 1733 (Quirk) State bodies: open meetings.

Would require all open meetings to have options for teleconference participation, allow for the use of teleconference in closed sessions, and remove existing provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act that require each teleconference location to be identified in the notice and agenda and accessible to the public. This bill includes an urgency statute.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee.

AB 1736 (Choi) Community colleges: student government.

Would allow community college students to serve as an officer in student government if they are a disabled or noncredit student enrolled in a certain number of clock hours per term.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1752 (Santiago) Community colleges: part-time employees.

Would require persons who are employed to teach adult or community college classes part-time to receive compensation in at least an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount provided to full-time employees with comparable duties relative to time spent.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1764 (Medina) Student housing: survey.

Would require the CCCs, UC, and CSU to collect data on student housing insecurity at each of their respective campuses and submit a report to the Legislature on or before October 15, 2023. This bill also exempts community college housing projects from the Field Act.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1856 (Medina) Community colleges: part-time employees.

Would increase the number of instructional hours that a part-time community college faculty member may teach at one district from 67% to 85% of a full-time assignment.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1913 (Bryan) Los Angeles Community College District: California Center for Climate Change Education.

Would establish the California Center for Climate Change Education, as part of the Los Angeles Community College District, to provide fact-based education about climate change.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1919 (Holden) Transportation: free student transit passes.

States legislative intent to enact future legislation to ensure all public school, CSU, UC, and CCC students receive free and unfettered access to student transit passes.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 1942 (Muratsuchi) Instructional service agreements with public safety agencies.

Would require instruction provided by districts under instructional service agreements with public safety agencies to be funded under the apportionment formula used for instruction in career development and college preparation courses.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1987 (Salas) Postsecondary education: student mental health spending: report.

Would require the UC, CSU, and CCCs to submit an annual report by March 1 to the Department of Finance and the Legislature on the use of funds allocated for student mental health resources.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1993 (Wicks) Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

Would require an employer, including community colleges and state agencies, to require each person who is an employee or independent contractor, and who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, to show proof of vaccination to the employer.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2045 (Jones-Sawyer) Personnel commissions: ranked groups.

Would require, upon majority vote of the personnel commission of a community college district, applicants for a vacancy to be placed on eligibility lists in ranked groups according to their relative merit as determined by competitive examinations.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

AB 2122 (Choi) Public postsecondary education: mental health hotlines: student identification cards.

Would authorize the CCCs, CSU, and UC to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely and require each campus with a mental health hotline to print the number of the hotline on student identification cards.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2232 (McCarty) School facilities: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

Would require all K-12 schools, CCC, CSU, and UC campuses to ensure that facilities that have heating, ventilation, and air condition (HVAC) systems meet specified minimum ventilation rate requirement.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2263 (Villapudua) Golden State Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Emergency Assistance Grant Program.

Would, upon an appropriation, establish the Golden State Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Emergency Assistance Grant Program to provide one-time grants to eligible California residents enrolled in a state-approved apprenticeship or vocational program.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2266 (Santiago) California College Promise: fee waiver eligibility.

Would remove, for the purpose of determining eligibility for the California College Promise (AB 19), the qualification that students be first-time students and the exclusion of students who have previously earned a degree or certificate.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2315 (Arambula) Community colleges: records: preferred or affirmed names.

States legislative intent to enact subsequent legislation that would require community colleges to implement a process by which students, staff, and faculty can declare a preferred name to be used in their records where legal names are not required by law.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2341 (Medina) California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: complaint processing contracts.

Would authorize a public institution of higher education established by another state that provides in-person instruction at a physical location in California to contract with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to review and act on complaints concerning the institution thereby allowing California students attending these institutions to access federal financial aid.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2359 (Gipson) Compton Community College District: personnel commission.

Would repeal provisions authorizing the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees and the Chancellor to assume the powers and duties of the Compton Community College District Personnel Commission, thereby restoring the Commission's powers.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2371 (Santiago) Public postsecondary education: California State University: tuition.

Would prohibit the charging of tuition or mandatory systemwide fees for enrollment at a CSU campus for up to two academic years to a CCC transfer student that has completed an ADT and received a Promise Grant or Promise Program fee waiver.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2413 (Carrillo) Classified school and community college employees: disciplinary hearings: compensation.

Would prohibit the suspension without pay, demotion with a reduction in pay, or dismissal of a permanent employee of a school district or community colleghole district who timely requests a hearing on disciplinary action charges against the employee before a decision is rendered.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2425 (Bryan) Community colleges: Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program.

Would establish the Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program, administered by the Chancellor's Office and the Student Aid Commission, to enter into agreements with up to 10 community college districts to provide funding for stipends to formerly incarcerated individuals.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2437 (Boerner Horvath) California Pay Our Interns Program.

Would establish the California Pay Our Interns Program, under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, to provide grants to eligible recipients for internships at offices of the Legislature, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or any state agency or department.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2482 (Calderon) Student health: pilot program: wellness vending machines.

Would create a pilot program, until July 1, 2029, that would require the CSU and CCCs to establish at least one vending machine that dispenses wellness products, as defined, at five campuses of their respective segments.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2539 (Choi) Public health: COVID-19 vaccination: proof of status.

Would require a public or private entity that requires a public member to provide documentation regarding the individual's COVID-19 vaccination status as a condition of receipt of any service or entrance to any place to accept a written medical record or government-issued digital medical record in satisfaction of the condition.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2617 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: best practices: communication and marketing strategy.

Would require the Department of Education and Chancellor's Office to identify best practices for CCAP partnerships and financial incentives for school districts and community college districts to participate in CCAP partnerships.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2624 (Kalra) Public postsecondary education: course materials.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to prominently display the estimated costs of all required course material for no less than 75% of the total number of courses on the online campus schedule.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2627 (Bauer-Kahan) Electronically collected personal information: California Community Colleges: memorandum of understanding.

Would authorize a state or local agency to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community college district for the purpose of sharing personal information about users to facilitate outreach and access to support resources, unless the user has not granted permission for that disclosure.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2637 (B. Rubio) Nursing: schools and programs: exemptions.

Would exempt an approved school of nursing or approved nursing program that is accredited, maintains a minimum pass rate of 80%, and meets other specified criteria from the requirement to seek Board of Registered Nursing approval for changes to clinical simulation hours and placements.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2683 (Gabriel) Postsecondary education: sexual violence and harassment: training and resources.

Would, beginning January 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, require a postsecondary institution to annually train its students on sexual violence and sexual harassment regardless of whether a student lives on- or off-campus.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2738 (Reyes) Public postsecondary education: community colleges: matriculation: assessment.

Would require, by January 1, 2024, each community college district to make available, for each associate of arts degree and certificate, the courses, schedule of courses, and the number of academic years, months, semesters, or terms that it takes to obtain the degree or certificate.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2747 (Nazarian) Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees: Team USA student athletes.

Would entitle any Team USA athlete who trains in California in an elite level program approved by the United State Olympic and Paralympic Committee to resident classification for tuition purposes.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

AB 2810 (Arambula) Student nutrition: CalFresh: student eligibility: Federal Application for Student Aid data.

States legislative intent to codify federal administrative guidance encouraging higher education institutions to use FAFSA data to inform students of eligibility for CalFresh and would require the CSU and CCCs to use FAFSA data to identify students who meet the income requirements of the CalFresh program.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

SB 851 (Portantino) Cal Grant Program: independent institutions of higher education.

Would, commencing with the 2022-23 award year, restructure the formula for determining the maximum Cal Grant award for independent institutions of higher education, conditioned on the achievement of associate degree for transfer (ADT) targets, and expand Cal Grant awards to students attending those institutions.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 874 (Cortese) Classified school district and community college employees: probation: promotion.

Would require that, in a community college district that has adopted a merit system, a permanent employee who accepts a promotion but fails to complete the probationary period for that classification must remain in the position from which the employee was originally promoted.

Status: Referred to the Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee.

SB 886 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public universities: housing projects.

Would exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act a student housing project or a faculty and staff housing project carried out by a public university on real property owned by the public university if the project meets certain requirements.

Status: Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

SB 893 (Becker) San Mateo County Community College District: California College Promise.

Would authorize the San Mateo County Community College District to charge students an enrollment fee of less than \$46 per unit per semester and authorize the district to use existing funds for the implementation of the California College Promise.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 964 (Wiener) Behavioral health.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to develop two accelerated programs of study related to associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees in social work.

Status: Referred to the Senate Health Committee.

SB 1023 (Hurtado) Health professions: training and education: Blue Ribbon Commission.

Would, upon appropriation, require the Department of Health Care Access and Information to establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Strengthening our Health System by Transforming Medical Training and Education to Improve Patient Protection and require a Chancellor's Office designee to serve on the Commission.

Status: Referred to the Senate Health Committee.

SB 1160 (Durazo) Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition.

Would expand AB 540 to include students who are in the United States on nonimmigrant visas, including international students.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

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