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Los Rios Community College District

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Budget Calendar



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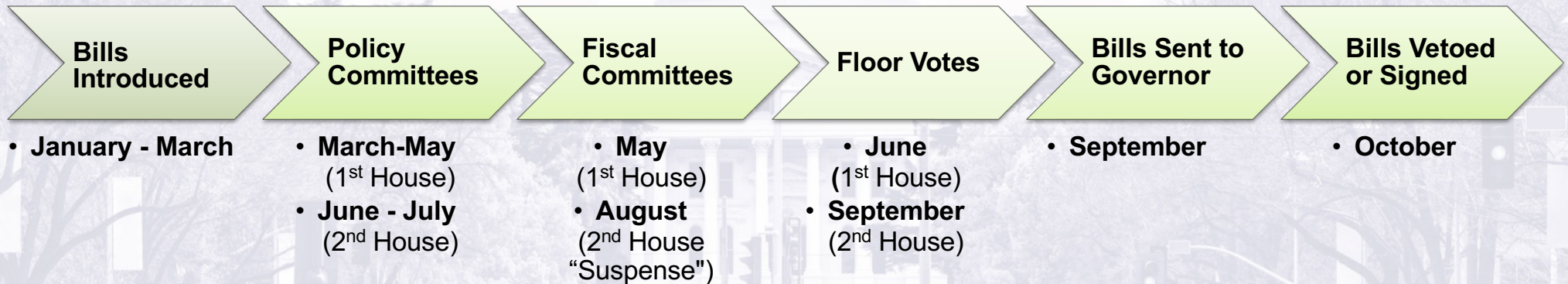
- January Budget Proposal – January 10th
- Committee Hearings – Feb-May
- May Revision – May 15th
- Legislative Vote – June 15th

Legislative Process

Legislative Calendar



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Budget Act - COLA



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- The budget uses about \$290 million of one-time funds to support a \$678 million investment in apportionment costs for 2023-24.
- This means that approximately 42% of the COLA is allocated using one-time funding creating a structural deficit that will need to be filled with the 2024-25 budget.
- Next year's COLA is initially estimated to be approximately 3%. The budget will have to backfill the \$290 million and fund the 3%.

Bills of Interest



Bill Number	Description
AB 368 (Holden)	Provide priority enrollment for Higher School students participating in CCAP programs and provide that courses could be taught on high school or college campus.
AB 358 (Addis)	Field Act for Student Housing Projects.
AB 607 (Kalra)	Provide estimated cost of course materials for each course.
AB 656 (McCarty)	Authorize CSU to offer doctoral degrees not offered by UC.
AB 789 (Berman)	Adopt Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards that are similar with the federal government.

Bills of Interest



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Bill Number	Description
AB 1096 (Fong)	Authorize a CCC to offer course in a language other than English.
AB 1291 (McCarty)	Create an ADT pilot project with UCLA.
AB 1400 (Bryan)	Cal Grant for HBCU
AB 1540 (Fong)	Require CCC to accept affidavit from CSAC for proof of AB 540 status.

Other Actions



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- Transfer Audit – Including UC and CSU
- 50% Law Audit
- EO on Master Plan on Career Education

Issues for 2024



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- COLA & Base Increase

- COLA estimated at this point to be about 4%.
- Top priority will be to backfill one-time funding going to COLA in 2023-24 and fund the additional COLA in 2024-25.

Issues for 2024



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- Funding Formula

- Funding floor kicks in for community colleges in 2025-26 so this is the last year that those districts that are not on the formula will receive a COLA.
- Discussions regarding impact of formula on districts that are either on the funding floor or are on ECA.
- How much growth ought to be funded and how should it be applied.

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- Implementation of Cal Grant Equity Framework
 - The framework is in statute, it needs to be properly funded.
 - Would create a Cal Grant 2 for community colleges and a Cal Grant 4 for four-year institutions.
 - Eliminate age and time-out-of-school limits for community colleges.

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- Educational Facilities Bond
 - AB 247 (Muratsuchi) – K-14 Education Facilities Bond
 - SB 28 (Glazer) – K- University Education Facilities Bond

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- Nursing/BA Degree Expansion
 - Authorization for community colleges to offer nursing degree
 - Explore workforce demand, rather than just duplication

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- Nursing
 - \$60 million in funding for nursing in the 2024-25 budget year to continue for five years.
 - Build out nursing capacity at community colleges.

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- Credit for Prior Learning
 - Mapping for military service
 - Expanding that mapping to the work world

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- Affordable Student Housing
 - Fund the projects that have already been approved either through a lease revenue bond or through additional (non-Proposition 98) General Fund.
 - Question if they will fund additional projects beyond what has already been approved.
 - Room for perhaps one or two more projects.

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- Noncredit
 - Conversation of attendance accounting for CDCP courses
 - Noncredit “package”

Politics of 2024



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- New Pro Tem Senator Mike McGuire
- New Speaker Robert Rivas
- New Chairs to Appropriations Committees
- New Chairs to Assembly Budget Committees



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Questions/Discussion

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