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## **Information/Action Item**

### ***California Student Aid Commission***

Update on state and federal issues and legislation and consideration of positions on bills affecting Commission programs

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Staff will provide an oral update of recent federal legislative events.

Included in this agenda item are a progress update and summary of all bills for which the Commission has taken a position.

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**STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The first session of the 2011-12 Legislative Session began on January 3, 2011 and will conclude on September 9, 2011. Bills introduced in either house of the Legislature will first be assigned to a policy committee (or dual referred to multiple policy committees) and must also be passed out of fiscal committee in order to be voted upon by the entire house membership during a floor session.

The legislative calendar contains several deadlines to manage bill progress. Any bills with a fiscal effect must be heard in policy committees by May 6, and non-fiscal bills must be heard in policy committees by May 13. May 27 is the last day for fiscal committees to hear bills. All introduced bills must be passed from the house of origin by June 3, 2011, in order to stay alive for the second year of the session.

Following is a snapshot of the current of the progress of 2011 Commission bills as of the preparation of this tab.

| Bill No. and Author | Position | House of Origin |                  |                  | Second House |                  |                  | H.O.O. for Concurrence | Enrolled | Signed by Governor |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------|--------------------|
|                     |          | Introduced      | Pass Policy Cmte | Pass Fiscal Cmte | Pass Floor   | Pass Policy Cmte | Pass Fiscal Cmte |                        |          |                    |
| AB 91 Portantino    | Support  |                 |                  |                  |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |
| AB 130 Cedillo      | Support  |                 |                  |                  |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |
| AB 131 Cedillo      | Support  |                 |                  |                  |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |
| AB 1129 Portantino  | Sponsor  |                 | 4/13             |                  |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |
| SB 451 Price        | Support  |                 |                  | 4/11             |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |
| SB 760 Alquist      | Sponsor  |                 |                  |                  |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |
| AB 970 Fong         | Watch    |                 |                  |                  |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |
| AB 1273 Grover      | Watch    |                 |                  |                  |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |
| SB 181 Liu          | Watch    |                 |                  |                  |              |                  |                  |                        |          |                    |

At the Commission meeting, staff will provide the most current update of bills' progress.

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**BILL SUMMARIES**

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**AB 91 (Portantino) Community Colleges: Student Financial Aid**

**Summary:** Requires the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish a voluntary pilot program to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs.

**Commission Position: Support**

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**AB 130 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid: Eligibility: Dream Act of 2011**

**Summary:** Enacts the California Dream Act of 2011. Allows a non-resident pursuant to AB 540 law (who has attended, for 3 or more years, and graduated from a secondary school) to apply for and participate in all private scholarship programs administered by the UC, CSU, and, CCC.

**Commission Position: Support**

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**AB 131 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid**

**Summary:** Expands the definition of a student who is exempt from nonresident tuition pursuant to AB 540 law and allows the student to apply for and participate in any student financial aid program administered by the UC, CSU, CCC, and the state to the full extent permitted by federal law.

**Commission Position: Support**

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**AB 1129 (Portantino) Unemployment insurance: Use Of Information**

**Summary:** Allows the federally designated student loan guaranty agency for California to access Employment Development Department (EDD) information for purposes of skip tracing. The guaranty agency may only have access to EDD data as long as it has a valid operating agreement with the California Student Aid Commission.

**Commission Position: Sponsor**

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**SB 451 (Price) Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards**

**Summary:** This bill proposes to give Cal Grant C selection priority to students pursuing high-need, high-growth, high-wage occupations. It was introduced and supported by the Commission last session in its identical form as SB 957.

**Commission Position: Support**

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**SB 760 (Alquist) Postsecondary education: the Cal Grant Program**

**Summary:** This bill would require that private for-profit postsecondary institutions participating in the Cal Grant Program must receive 10% or more of total revenues for each fiscal year from sources other than specified federal Title IV and Cal Grant funds.

**Commission Position: Sponsor**

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**AB 970 (Fong) Cal Grant B Awards: Award Amount**

**Summary:** Amends current law to provide step increases in the number of Cal Grant B students receiving tuition and/or fees in their first academic year over the next four years from 2% in 2011-12 to 25% in 2012-13, to 50% in 2013-14, to 75% in 2014-15, and finally increasing to 100% in the 2015-16 academic year and beyond.

**Commission Position: Watch**

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**AB 1273 (Grove) Boards and Commissions**

**Summary:** States that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would codify Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Governor's Reorganization Plan 1: Reforming California's Boards and Commissions" from 2004.

**Commission Position: Watch**

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**SB 181 (Liu) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Fee Policy**

**Summary:** Prohibits any increase in the mandatory systemwide fees charged to resident undergraduate students enrolled in the University of California or the California State University from being effective before three months have elapsed after the date on which the fee increase is adopted. Requires the UC Regents and the CSU Trustees to develop methodologies for the "gradual, moderate, and predictable" adjustment of fees in accordance with a prescribed procedure.

**Commission Position: Watch**

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