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**HACU Statement on California's May Revise Higher Education Budget**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) was pleased that this year's May Revision continues January's pattern of reinvestment in California's higher education system.

Governor Brown's May Revision provides additional per student funding for California's Community Colleges, while providing the same additional funding for the California State University and University of California initially proposed in the January budget. This additional funding comes with expectations about student success at every level of higher education. "We applaud the Governor's request to increase performance among underrepresented students, but we caution the Governor to ensure that those same students aren't harmed by any performance metrics proposed. We commend the inclusion of additional monies at the community colleges specifically for student support services, and request that organizations and institutions interested in equity are included in the deliberations as plans are further developed," said HACU President and CEO, Antonio R. Flores.

"Despite Cal Grant 'savings' identified under the Governor's proposal, we are concerned that there is no restoration of funding to the Cal Grant B Access Award or the Cal Grant award for students attending not-for-profit colleges," said Flores, "We need to ensure that students have the means to pay for their college education. Investing in students is a great way to invest in California's future workforce."

**About HACU**

HACU was established in 1986 with a founding membership of 18 institutions. Today, HACU represents approximately 400 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, and Spain. HACU's regional office in Sacramento represents its membership in the western region of the U.S. HACU is the only national educational association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).

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