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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **July 26, 2007**
[HACU's National Internship Program \(HNIP\) 15th Anniversary Gala](#),
Washington D.C.
- * **October 20-22, 2007**
[HACU 21st Annual Conference](#), "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: A National Imperative for the 21st Century"
Chicago, IL

**If you would like us to include your events in the newsletter, please send an email with event details to wro@hacu.net.*

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HACU WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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HACU Western Regional Office's (WRO) page is updated regularly to keep our institutions informed on their respective Legislature's progress. You can find the WRO page under the Government Relations tab on www.hacu.net. On the [WRO main page](#), you can navigate through the five states we represent in the Western Region. In the [California](#) section, you will find a table with all of the bills we are monitoring and supporting/opposing this legislative session.



[GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISION](#) was released on Monday, May 14. HACU issued a [press release](#) stating its disappointment with the lack of State general funds for academic preparation programs. We have submitted letters to the [Senate and Assembly Budget Committee Members](#) asking them to allocate funding for these vital programs. We understand this is a tough budget year, but we will work with our schools to ensure that higher education is not cut.

Additionally, we are concerned with the Governor's decision to sell [EdFund](#). HACU hopes this action will build reserves and not result in a loss of funding for financial aid awareness programs, or in any way negatively impact low-income and historically disadvantaged students. [Governor's 2007-08 proposed budget](#).

WHAT YOU CAN DO: We urge our membership to contact the committee members regarding the budget cuts in the May revision. We have provided a copy of our committee letter which you may personalize and submit to the budget committee members. We will also be happy to deliver any letters you send us. Please remember, that you can always write a support letter as an individual—you don't have to speak for your entire campus. [Assembly Letter](#) [Senate Letter](#)

APPROPRIATIONS: We have taken formal support positions on the following bills, which are currently on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file: [AB 175](#); [AB 302](#); [AB 428](#); and [AB 1540](#). Senate Appropriations Committee's suspense file: [SB 160](#) and [SB 890](#). HACU urges its membership to contact the committee members and ask them for their support in passing these bills. The deadline to pass bills on suspense is June 1.



We are also monitoring the following bills, which may be of interest to our membership (also on the suspense file): [AB 50](#); [AB 183](#); [AB 359](#); [AB 365](#); [AB 488](#); [AB 668](#); [SB 43](#); [SB 309](#); [SB 325](#); [SB 681](#); and [SB 769](#).



COLLEGE ACCESS: We have taken a formal support position on the amended version of [AB 178](#) (Coto), which would create the 3-year "College Readiness and Equity Pilot Program." The program would require participating schools to offer a core curriculum of college preparatory courses that integrate career technical education (CTE) and opportunities for field-based learning. The bill now includes an opt-out provision for students who do not wish to complete the A-G curriculum. [Support Letter](#)

*Upcoming Legislative Deadlines: **May 25**—Last day for Policy Committees to meet prior to June 11. **June 1**—Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet prior to June 11.*

**If there is a specific bill or issue you would like us to consider, please do not hesitate to contact our office .*