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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **July 26, 2007**
[HACU's National Internship Program \(HNIP\) 15th Anniversary Gala](#),
Washington D.C.
- * **August 3, 2007** [CLYLP 25th Anniversary Gala](#)
Sacramento, CA
- * **October 20-22, 2007**
[HACU 21st Annual Conference](#), "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: A National Imperative for the 21st Century"
Chicago, IL
- * **November 9, 2007**
[LCHC Conference, Inspirando Cambio: Leading the Way to Healthy Communities](#),
Los Angeles, CA

**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's Western Regional Office (WRO) Web 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.

POLICY COMMITTEES: Friday, July 13, was the last day for Policy Committees to deliberate and report bills. The following were passed and will next be considered by the Senate/Assembly Appropriations Committee:

- ◆ [AB 428](#), High school curriculum: college preparatory courses ([Carter](#))
- ◆ [AB 1540](#), Student financial aid: Cash for College Program ([Bass](#))
 - ◆ [SB 405](#), Curriculum: opportunities for pupils ([Steinberg](#))
 - ◆ [SB 890](#), Early College Commitment Program ([Scott](#))

Since our last Legislative Update, we have taken a formal support position on [Senate Concurrent Resolution 58 \(Cedillo\)](#). SCR 58 would urge the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission and the State Board of Education to include the 1930s "Mexican Repatriation Program" in the adoption of the 2008 social science curriculum framework. This resolution was approved by the Senate Education Committee and will next be considered in the Senate Appropriations. [Support Letter](#)

BUDGET: The Constitutional Deadline to pass a state budget was June 15, 2007. The Budget Conference Committee adopted the conference report on Friday, June 29. In the wee hours of Friday, July 20th, the California State Assembly passed a budget and budget trailers that did not include cuts to higher education. The California State Senate has not yet passed a budget. The Senate has recessed until Wednesday, July 25th, when they expect to take up the budget again. Governor Schwarzenegger and Democratic Leaders have said they will not pass a budget that contains cuts to education.

Once the budget bill is adopted the Legislature will go into Summer recess. When the Legislature reconvenes fiscal committees will have two weeks to report all bills to the floor for consideration.

Very few issues related to the UC and CSU went to Conference Committee. Happily, funding for Student Academic Preparation and Education Programs were returned by both houses before the budget went to Conference. Due to a technical error by the Department of Finance, the Governor's Proposed May Revision had created a \$362 million error in Proposition 98 funding. This resulted in significant cuts to proposed programs at the Community Colleges (as well as K-12). For a list of the proposed changes to the community colleges budget (as passed by the Budget Conference Committee), [please click here](#).

*Upcoming Legislative Deadlines: **August 20**—Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
August 31—Last Day for Fiscal Committees to report bills to the Floor.*

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