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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **October 15, 2007**
[TRPI Education Conference](#), “Practical Tools to Increase Latino College Access and Success”
Long Beach, CA.
- * **October 20-22, 2007**
[HACU 21st Annual Conference](#), “Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: A National Imperative for the 21st Century”
Chicago, IL
- * **November 8-11, 2007**
[CLIC Convocation](#), “Latino Success: California’s Economic Imperative”
Burlingame, CA
- * **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.

BUDGET: The Assembly reconvened from its month long summer recess on Monday, August 20, the Senate reconvened the same day despite recessing on August 1st. Before recessing, the California State Assembly passed a budget and budget trailers that did not include cuts to higher education. However, the California State Senate failed to pass the Assembly version of the budget. It was not until reconvening from recess that the Legislature once again began negotiations on the budget bill.

The budget, passed on August 21, was 52 days overdue, the third-latest budget since 1977. Higher Education’s budget remained unchanged and our schools and students will soon see state monies flowing their way again. The Governor has promised Senate Republicans that he will make an additional \$700 million in cuts through line item vetoes before signing the final budget, which he is expected to do on Friday, August 24th. He has publicly stated that he will not be cutting education funding.

POLICY COMMITTEES: Friday, August 31, will be the last day for Fiscal Committees to deliberate and report bills. We are continuing to support the following bills and hope to see them make it to the Assembly/Senate Floor for a vote:

- ◆ [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](#))
- ◆ [SCR 58](#), The Mexican Repatriation Program: School Curriculum ([Cedillo](#))

The Legislature’s last deadline for this year will be to pass the same version as the other house of all bills by September 14. Any bills that do not make it out by then will be given reconsideration next year.

*Upcoming Legislative Deadlines: **August 31**—Last day for Fiscal Committees to report bills to the Floor. **September 3-14**—Floor Session only. **September 14**—Last day for any bills to be passed.*

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