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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: Despite early statements that education would not be cut through line item vetoes, there were \$11 million worth of vetoes to higher education. Among the cuts:

University of California: \$3.5 million cut, including deleting \$500,000 funding for UC—Mexico research. The remaining \$3 million in vetoes were legislative augmentations for agricultural and oceanographic research. The Governor kept funding for Student Academic Preparation and Education Programs intact, but requested the UC to provide supplemental reports. The Governor also deleted language that described a new methodology for determining the marginal cost of each additional state-supported student in the future.

California State University: No funding cuts but the Governor deleted language that described a new methodology for determining the marginal cost of each additional state-supported student in the future.

California Community Colleges: The Governor deleted \$13.786 million for a noncredit course rate increase. In addition, he redirected \$33,110,000 from basic skills student funding to his Student Success Initiative. He deleted \$4M for Part-time faculty Health Insurance Program and \$1.5M for a Construction College pilot program at San Jose City College and another unspecified site.

California Student Aid Commission: The Governor reduced funding for the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (CalSOAP) by \$2.2 million. This program provides financial aid awareness as well as student academic preparation and education services to public school students.

POLICY COMMITTEES: Friday, August 31, was the last day for Fiscal Committees to deliberate and report bills. The following bills have made 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](#))
- ◆ [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, although the Senate has announced intentions to adjourn on September 11. Any bills that do not make it out by then will be given reconsideration next year.

Upcoming Legislative Deadlines:

[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 .*