



Statement Regarding AB 1307 (Rubio) Vetoed by Governor Newsom

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On behalf of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), I regret to share that AB 1307—authored by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio and sponsored by AICCU—has been vetoed by Governor Newsom. AB 1307 would have addressed equity, access, and affordability issues facing students who attend an independent, nonprofit higher education institution. After two decades of disinvestment for Cal Grant students that attend an independent, nonprofit institution, this veto only further reinforces the inequitable support they receive despite facing the same challenges as their peers in public universities. AICCU institutions will continue to advocate for these diverse, hard-working students who desperately need affordable, regional access to a four-year institution. A strong, stable Cal Grant is integral to these students and the independent sector has the capacity to serve them.

AICCU thanks Assembly Member Blanca Rubio for authoring this important legislation and for her strong leadership on this bill. We look forward to working with her, the Legislature, and the Governor, via the budget process, to enact this much needed financial aid reform.

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About AICCU

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is comprised of 85 independent, nonprofit colleges and universities, which make up the Independent California Colleges and Universities (ICCU) sector. The ICCU sector plays a pivotal role in the development of the state's model higher education offerings and in making California a symbol of innovation across the globe. Within California, ICCU institutions award over 20 percent of all undergraduate degrees and over 50 percent of graduate degrees, making them the largest preparers of California's advanced workforce.