



## Statement Regarding AB 1466 (Irwin) 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 1466—authored by Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin and sponsored by AICCU—has been vetoed by Governor Newsom. AB 1466 would have clarified the professional nature of adjunct faculty members at independent institutions and established a basis that would have allowed them to be treated as exempt professionals under the Labor Code and relevant Wage Orders. The Service Employees International Union, which represents adjunct faculty members at several AICCU member institutions, was engaged on the issue since the beginning and their support of the bill was important to its progress to the governor’s desk.

Adjunct faculty members are an essential part of campus communities. They support the mission of our institutions and provide an incredible resource for our students. AICCU will continue to work on our institutions’ behalf to resolve this issue legislatively.

AICCU thanks Assembly Member Irwin for her strong leadership on this important issue and authorship of the bill.

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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 20 percent of all undergraduate degrees and over 50 percent of graduate degrees, making ICCU institutions the largest preparers of California’s advanced workforce.