



## Statement Regarding AB 697 (Ting) Signed by Governor Newsom

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On behalf of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), AB 697 (Ting) has been signed by Governor Newsom. This bill will require, by June 30 of each year from 2020 to 2024, the California State University Board of Trustees, the University of California Board of Regents, and the appropriate governing bodies of each independent higher education institution that participates in the Cal Grant program, that provides preferential treatment in admissions to applicants with a relationship to donors or alumni, to annually report information about those admissions to the Legislature.

AICCU firmly believes that public confidence in the integrity of admissions decisions is critical. AICCU will work with member institutions to properly implement the bill and its requirements, and we will continue to work with the Legislature and all stakeholders on the report findings.

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### **About AICCU**

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is comprised of over 80 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.