

## 2024 Lobby Days

## **Talking Points for Assembly Bill 2326**

**Public Postsecondary Education: Sex Discrimination Policies** 

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## The Problem:

- Title IX is intended to not only provide equity in sports and academic programming at our higher education institutions, but also to provide a process for complaints of discrimination, bullying, harassment, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.
- The 2023 State Auditor's report California State University: It Did Not Adequately or Consistently Address Some Allegations of Sexual Harassment (2022-109) concluded that the California State University system's handling of Title IX-related complaints has not adequately or consistently addressed allegations of inequity, harassment, and sexual harassment; does not consistently identify and define sexual harassment amongst the institutions, and lacks a consistent method for addressing unprofessional conduct that does not rise to the level of sexual harassment.
- Prior State Auditor reports dating back to 2014 similarly report inadequate Title IX compliance from the University of California and California Community Colleges.

## The Proposed Solution - AB 2326:

- AB 2326 requires the Chancellors of the Community Colleges, the State Universities and the
  President of the University of California to provide an annual report to their respective Board of
  Governors or Board of Regents on the state of the college or university system in ensuring district
  programs and activities are free from discrimination and therefore in compliance with Title IX.
- The report should include an overview of the Chancellor's Offices' efforts in monitoring and ensuring the compliance of each district with providing programs and activities free from discrimination, including, but not limited to sexual harassment.
- This annual report will be publicly, orally presented to the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Education Finance by the Chancellors and followed up with Q&A.

Ask your Senator or Assembly Member to vote "aye" on AB 2326!