



AB 2326 (Alvarez): Title IX Oversight and Compliance Act

Bill Summary

AB 2326 makes history in the State Legislature by bringing oversight and compliance reporting by requiring the three higher education institutions to present annually on how the campuses are addressing sex discrimination.

Background

For decades there have been attempts to address sex discrimination at higher education institutions.

However, a lack of compliance and accountability has occurred to address the seriousness and sensitivity of sex discrimination.

In response since 2021, the CA Assembly Committee on Higher Education gathered information from representatives from the CA Community Colleges (CCC), the CA State University (CSU), the University of CA (UC), various CA Independent Colleges and Universities. The Committee then developed a report called “A Call to Action”, where they dived into “how postsecondary education institutions can address sex discrimination and provide educational justice on campus.”¹

The recommendations within this report are a “synopsis of the information gleaned from the briefings and a compilation of legislative proposals for how the State can partner with higher education institutions to prevent and address sex discrimination in all its form on campuses throughout CA.”² This bill takes the report’s statewide recommendations #4 and #11. Recommendation #4 suggests an annual compliance report presented by the Leader of each

public higher education institution and the Chair of each institution’s governing board. The report will be presented to the Budget Subcommittees on Education Finance in both the CA State Senate and the CA State Assembly. The compliance report will provide a state of the system address detailing the Legislature and how the public higher education institutions are complying with state and federal law to prevent sex discrimination on campus. Moreover, recommendation #11 suggests including the Board of Governors of the CCC, the CSU Board of Trustees, and the UC Board of Regents as one of the responsible parties for providing educational programs free from discrimination.

The simultaneity of these two recommendations holds forth the importance of accountability at the CA State Legislature.

Details of the Bill

AB 2326 does the following:

- Identifies the entities who are responsible for ensuring campus programs are free from discrimination and who has the authority to oversee and monitor compliance with state and federal laws.
- Requires the Chair of the Systemwide Governing Board and the Systemwide Leader to present to the legislature annually on the state of the system in preventing discrimination on campus.

¹ The CA Assembly Committee on Higher Education, Chair Mike Fong, *A Call to Action* (2024)
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² The CA Assembly Committee on Higher Education, Chair Mike Fong, *A Call to Action* (2024), 1



- Requires the Systemwide governing boards to review the system's nondiscrimination policies and to update them if necessary.

Support

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