

# AB1504.



## FACT SHEET

### AB 1504 - Community colleges: Student Representation Fee (Medina)

#### Background

Unlike the University of California and California State University student organizations, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) has virtually no presence in the State Capitol, and little to no ability to advocate for legislation that affects California Community College (CCC) students. Currently, the SSSCC is completely student ran, with little to no professional support. With demanding workloads and a lack of infrastructure, members of the board often resign out of frustration. Inadequate funding has resulted in the SSSCC becoming increasingly dependent on the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO). The voice of CCC students should not be held by the CCCCCO but by the statewide student organization. Student leaders need more administrative support both at the state-wide level and at the regional level.

#### Problem

The Student Representation Fee by statute is to be the primary source of income for the SSSCC. However, only 11 of 115 campuses have implemented the fee. The current method of implementation requires each one of the 114 community colleges to hold an election to collect the \$2 fee. This election must have at least the average of the number of participants that voted in the previous 3 elections for the results to count.

#### Solution

AB 1504 will ensure that the \$2 Student Representation Fee is implemented at all California Community Colleges by collecting it from all students upon payment of registration fees.

AB 1504 will allow students to opt out of the Student Representation Fee, rather than opting-in as an entire campus.

AB 1504 will help the SSSCC ensure that community college students have an equal voice when it comes to policies and legislation that impact them.

AB1504 will ensure that the Student Senate for California Community College has the means to provide an effective voice for California Community College Students.

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