

CFA Report to CABE Board

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CSU and CFA Agree on Vaccination Policy

As mentioned in an August 19th. letter from CFA Officers, leaders fully support the vaccine mandate and urge all faculty, staff, students, and community members who can get vaccinated to do so and help control this global pandemic that has caused such pain and suffering for the last 18 months.

“We have a moral responsibility to make sure all our faculty, staff, and students are safe and healthy this upcoming year. Scientists and public health experts indicate the best available way to do that is through vaccination,” CFA Officers wrote in an August 19 email to CSU faculty.

State Legislation Supported by CFA

AB 133 – Expansion of Medical

SEIU Bill – supported by CFA, Affiliate to SEIU

At a health clinic in Fresno County today, Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation making California the first state in the nation to expand full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility to low-income adults 50 years of age or older, regardless of immigration status – a major milestone in the state’s progress toward universal health coverage.

Education

[AB 469 \(Reyes\)](#) FAFSA and Dream Act Completion: This bill improves student access to college financial aid resources by requiring local education agencies to ensure all high schools seniors complete the FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application forms before graduating.

New American/Immigration Rights

[AB 1096 \(L. Rivas\)](#) Replace Alien with Non-Citizen in State Statutes: This bill combats negative stereotypes and racial animus by replacing all references of “alien” in state statute with “non-citizen.”

[SB 714 \(Caballero\)](#) County Central Committees: Undocumented

Delegates: This bill allows DREAMers and other aspiring citizens to be appointed and/or elected to a delegate position with a county central committee.

Federal Legislation

Higher education unions and organizations across the nation are [launching a joint effort](#) this week to transform public colleges and universities.

The coalition, known as [Higher Ed Labor United \(HELU\)](#), was [founded in July](#) and brought together 75 unions and organizations that represent 450,000 higher education workers, including student workers, postdocs, staff, and adjunct, contingent, and tenured faculty.

HELU, which includes CFA, is supporting the passage of [College for All Act](#), sponsored by Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA). The bill would eliminate tuition and fees at public college and universities for families making less than \$125,000 annually.

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