



## July 2023 Legislative Advocate Report

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### CABE/Californians Together 2023 Co-Sponsored Legislation Update

**Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program: AB 1127 (Reyes)/Budget**—SB 114, also known as the Education Omnibus Trailer Bill, became law on July 10<sup>th</sup>. This legislation contained the provisions to implement and update the Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program (BTPDP). The final budget additionally included \$20 million in funding to implement the BTPDP, which is already underway.

AB 1127 (Reyes) continues to move forward to complement the budget which passed the initial provisions of the BTPDP. The bill now reflects the final language which was passed in the budget and will soon be amended to clarify that participants who support bilingual teacher education in a multitude of languages will be eligible to participate in the BTPDP. This bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense Fill and will be taken up in late August.

**AB 370 (Addis): State Seal of Biliteracy**—Would update the criteria required to obtain the State Seal of Biliteracy in order to make it equitable for all students to obtain and create a better understanding for all participating local educational agencies as to its implementation. This important measure is on the Senate Floor and will be taken up when the Legislature returns from its Summer Recess.

**AB 393 (L. Rivas): Child Care: Dual Language Learners**—Would expand asset-based dual language learner identification to general childcare programs to help California achieve the goals of the Master Plan to support these students. This legislation will require the Department of Social Services, in consultation with the Department of Education, to create a process with the necessary guidelines and requirements regarding information to coordinate data collection for these students. This measure will be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### CABE-Supported Legislation Moving Forward

The Legislature adjourned for their Summer Recess and will return on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Legislation moving forward must pass through the Appropriations Committees by September 1<sup>st</sup>, or they will become two-

year bills. The last day for the Legislature to pass bills this year will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Legislature will begin its Interim Recess on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The following CAFE-supported bills are still moving forward:

### **Support**

**AB 506 (Fong): Ethnic Studies**—Would create a seamless process to ensure that students who take an ethnic studies course within the community college system would be able to successfully transfer that course to the California State University (CSU) System. This process would be created through a collaboration between the CSU, the Community College Chancellor, and the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies. This bill is set to be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**AB 714 (McCarty): Newcomer Pupils**—Would direct both the California Department of Education and California Department of Social Services to work collaboratively to create and provide instructional guidance to school districts to help to support newcomer students. The number of newcomer students who speak languages other than English is increasing, leaving a gap of need for families that need additional support and resources. This bill is set to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**AB 1096 (Fong): Language of Instruction**—Would allow a community college to offer courses taught in languages other than English without requiring students enrolled in one of these courses to be concurrently enrolled in an English as a Second Language course. This bill will be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**AB 1106 (Soria): PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential**—Would create a grant program to increase the development and support for the PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential pathway. This measure would provide an additional pathway to address this area of the teacher gap. CAFE is particularly supportive of the work and support included in AB 1106, which will include increasing this support to bilingual authorization programs. This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

**AB 1354 (Fong): Curriculum**—Would ensure that when the Instructional Quality Commission next revises the history-social science curriculum framework, they consider including the contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, as well as highlight racism, discrimination, and violence that have been perpetrated against these critical communities. This bill is on the Senate Floor and will be heard when the Legislature resumes mid-August.

**SB 348 (Skinner): Pupil Meals**—Would require local educational agencies to provide students free meals, including breakfast and lunch, beginning with the 2024-25 school year. As poverty rates and family hunger increase, schools play an increasingly important role in bridging that hunger gap for children. This bill is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

## Economic Outlook Slightly Improving

The Department of Finance recently released its July [economic update](#). The state and national outlook is looking steady as year-over-year inflation reduced to 3% in June, a significant drop from a high of 9.1% in June 2022. Most notably, personal income in California has increased slightly by 0.7% during the first quarter of 2023, which was driven by salary and wage increases as well as property income. Cash receipts for the 2022-23 fiscal year were \$954 million higher than the forecast in the 2023-24 Budget Act.

While the tax extension deadline in mid-October does not allow an accurate predictor of personal income tax and corporation tax receipts, personal income tax withholding receipts were \$929 million higher than the forecast for the fiscal year. Conversely, personal income tax cash receipts for 2022-23 were \$801 million below the overall forecast. Corporation tax cash receipts for 2022-23 totaled \$975 million higher than the overall forecast, while sales and use tax cash receipts for 2022-23 were \$61 million higher than their forecast.