

California Community College Association for Occupational Education
Regional VP report
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Advocacy Update

Strong Workforce Work-Based Learning

A bill to expand the use of SWP funds to support work-based learning opportunities, including paid internships, continues to move forward. AB 323 by Assemblymember Fong, having made it through the Assembly, continues to move through the Senate. The CCCAOE lobbyist Austin Webster expects it to make it through to the governor. The legislation directs the chancellor's office to rewrite its guidelines for SWP funds to allow districts to use funds for work-based learning. CCCAOE has endorsed the bill.

AB 1400 -- Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program. -- Moved to Senate. But Webster notes that the governor vetoed a similar bill last year.

Budget

Both the Community College and the K-12 systems made it through the budget process relatively unscathed. The system got its 2.30% cost of living adjustment.

Strong Workforce still suffered a \$60 million carve out to support the Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant Program. This is the second year of a five-year program. Neither the Legislature nor the Governor have identified an alternative source of funding, according to Webster. Upcoming issue is how big the budget deficit will be next year.

Strong Workforce

Chancellor's Office issued its Strong Workforce funding memo yesterday. Total funding was 290,400,000, the same as in FY25. Last year there were two carveouts totaling \$65 million. This year only one for \$60 million. The result was that, compared to last year, there was an additional \$4.75 million distributed to the field. Those funds boosted the statewide base local and regional amounts and the 17% incentive funds local and regional.

This year's memo includes both the base and the 17% Incentive allocations. Last year, the chancellor's office issued the base memo in mid-July and the incentive memo about a month later.

The SCCRC regional base allocation rose by \$67,336, but the 17% dropped by \$13,648.

Strong Workforce funding FY25 to FY26			
	FY25	FY26	
Total SWP funding allocation	\$ 290,400,000	\$ 290,400,000	\$ -
Carveouts	\$ 65,000,000	\$ 60,000,000	\$ (5,000,000)
Statewide Base Local	\$ 107,065,000	\$ 109,440,000	\$ 2,375,000
Statewide Base Regional	\$ 71,376,667	\$ 72,960,000	\$ 1,583,333
Statewide 17% Incentive Local	\$ 21,413,000	\$ 21,888,000	\$ 475,000
Statewide 17% Incentive Regional	\$ 14,275,333	\$ 14,592,000	\$ 316,667
Statewide SWP total to colleges	\$ 214,130,000	\$ 218,880,000	\$ 4,750,000
SCCRC Regional allocation	\$ 5,412,519	\$ 5,479,855	\$ 67,336
SCCRC 17% allocation	\$ 1,094,795	\$ 1,081,147	\$ (13,648)

CCCAOE Fall Conference, Oct. 22-24

Registration has opened for the Fall 2025 California Community College Association for Occupational Education conference in Rancho Mirage. Expect three days of presentations, keynotes, and networking. The theme is: Collaborating for Success. To register, go to: <https://cccae.org/2025-fall-conference/>