

AICCU Update to CASFAA Independent Segment

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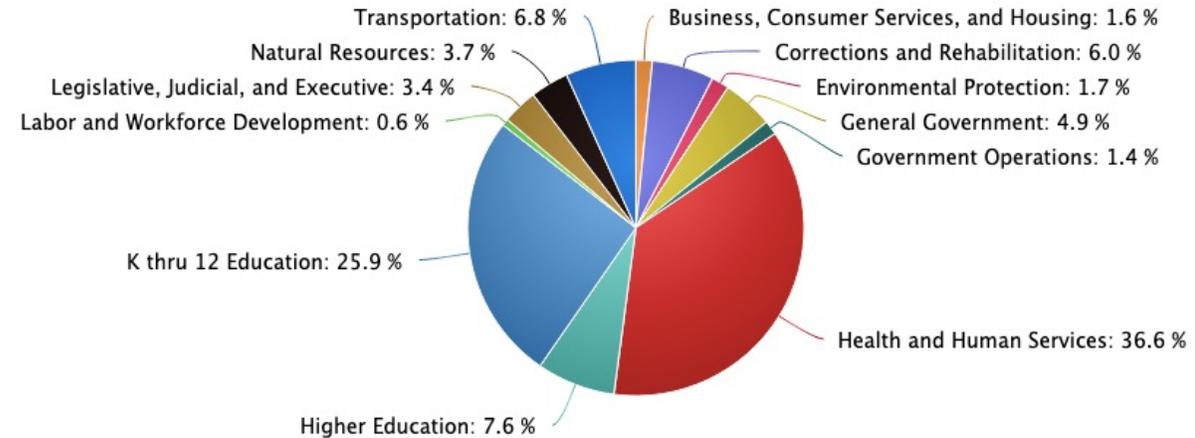
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2023 State Budget:

- \$311.7 billion budget, managed to bridge a budget gap of roughly \$31 billion.
- Base increases for UC, CSU, and CCCs to continue work towards enrollment growth, completion improvements, and other systemwide priorities.
- Cal Grant award at ICCUs maintained at \$9,358; good-faith effort cited despite missed ADT target.

Total State Funds

Total \$311 Billion



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2023 State Budget:

Mental Health Workforce

- \$52 million to increase the number of licensed behavioral health professionals through grants to existing university or college programs.

Bilingual Teacher Professional Development

- \$20 million (\$4 million per year through 2027-28) for grants to help teachers interested in bilingual authorizations.

Golden State Teacher Grant Program

- Expanded to allow California residents enrolled in online WASC-accredited programs offered by out-of-state IHEs to receive a \$10,000 grant, caps amount available for these students to 8% of total program funds.

Teacher and School Counselor Residency Grants Program

- Increased candidate amount from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

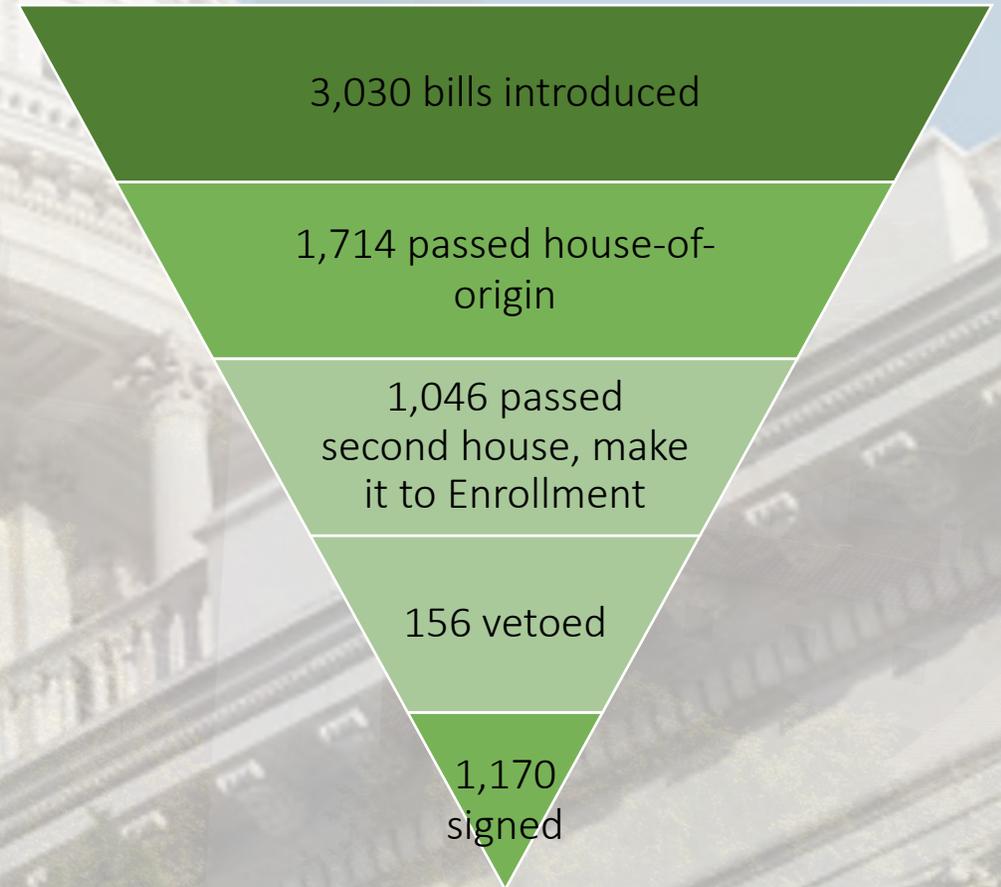
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2023 was the first year of a two-year legislative session.

Over 3,000 bills were introduced in 2023. AICCU tracked over 380.

- 1,771 Assembly bills
 - 560 became law (32%)
 - 105 vetoed (6%)
- 891 Senate bills
 - 330 became law (37%)
 - 51 vetoed (5.7%)
- 83% of bills signed were by Democratic authors.

Legislators are "limited" to 50 bills per session, so we can expect another 3,000 next year.



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Themes from 2023 Legislature:

1. Hot Labor Summer

- AB 1 (McKinnor) - right to unionize for legislative staff
- AB 1228 (Holden) - minimum wage increases for fast-food workers
- SB 525 (Durazo) - \$25 minimum wage for healthcare setting employees
- SB 616 (Gonzalez) - five paid sick days requirement
- WGA strike, potential faculty strikes looming at CSU.

2. Public Safety – Fentanyl, Retail Theft, Sex Trafficking

- SB 14 (Grove) – adds child sex trafficking to list of serious felonies. First state expansion of “striking offenses” in 20 years.

3. Shining City(State) on the Hill

- Abortion and reproductive healthcare access
- LGBTQ+ rights and outreach

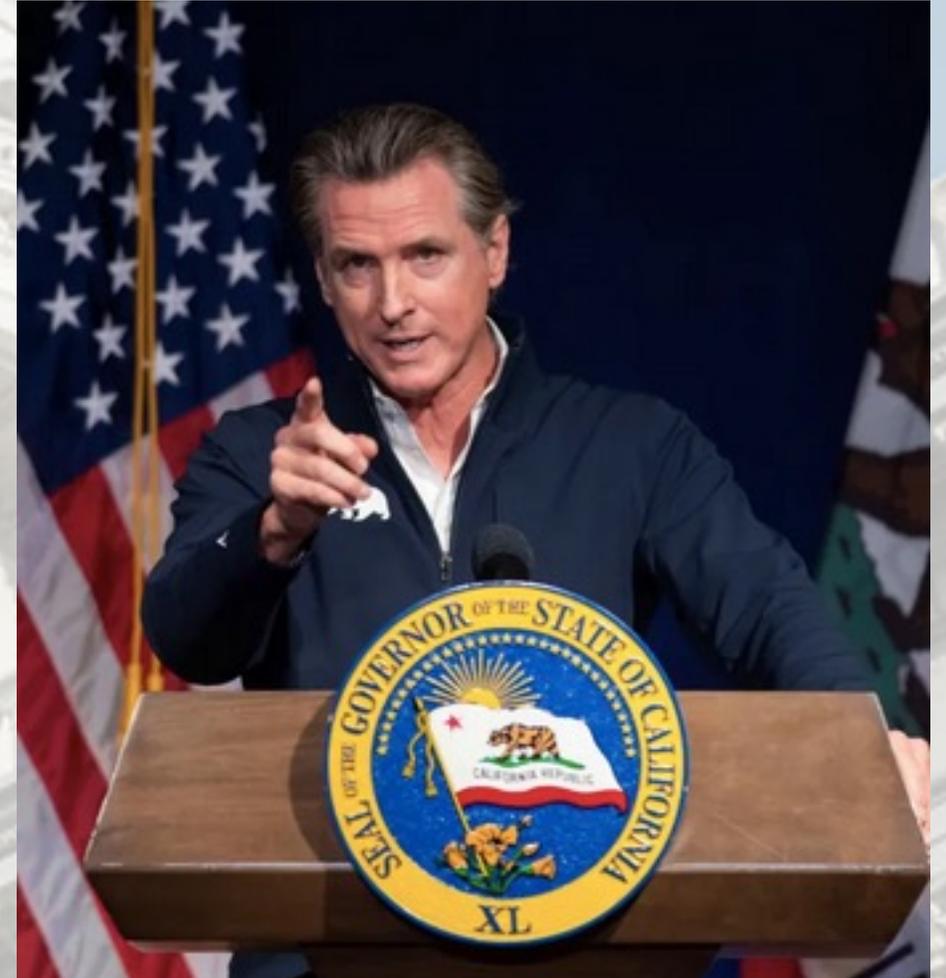
4. Fiscal Restraint (by the Governor, at least)

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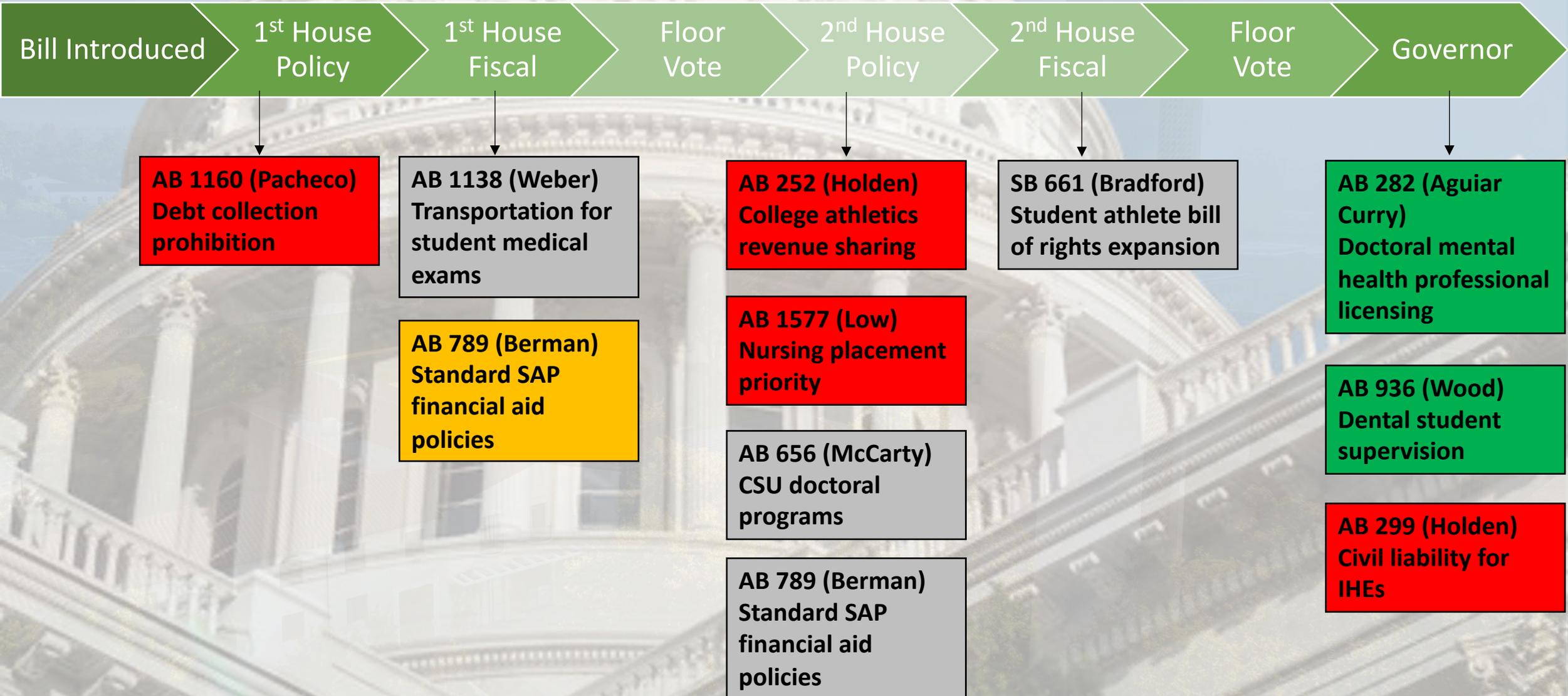
"In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoid deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social services programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill."



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Looking Ahead to 2024

Bills that stopped at various points in the process can continue next year, including:

[AB 320](#) (Lee) – Expand student representation on CSAC (*AICCU Support*)

[AB 888](#) (Cervantes) – Cal Grant eligibility for students seeking asylum (*AICCU Support*)

[AB 942](#) (M. Fong) – Postsecondary education: sex equity (*AICCU High Priority Watch*)

[AB 1142](#) (M. Fong) – Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (*AICCU Watch*)

[AB 1160](#) (Pacheco) – Debt collection prohibition (*AICCU Oppose*)

[AB 1577](#) (Low) – General acute care clinical nursing placements for community college students (*AICCU Oppose Unless Amended*)

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Looking Ahead to 2024:

- Leadership changes in both houses will shape committee assignments, budget priorities, and negotiations with the Newsom Administration on budget.
- Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) was elected Assembly Speaker on June 30 and has named his leadership team. Announced new budget and policy committee chairs right before Thanksgiving:
 - Budget: Jessie Gabriel (D-Encino)
 - Budget Sub3 on Education: David Alvarez (D-Chula Vista)
 - Appropriations: Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland)
- In August, Senate pro Tempore Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) announced an agreement for Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) to transition into the role, just announced this will happen February 5, 2024.



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Looking Ahead (Beyond) 2024:

- Governor Newsom terms out January 4, 2027.
- While his administration has provided some modest increases to the base award in recent years, they have been resistant to a growth formula for the Cal Grant award.
- As a sector, we want to continue making incremental gains to financial aid support for our students, while fostering additional champions and supporters inside and around the State Capitol.



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Looking Ahead to 2024:

- Legacy admission practices are likely to come under intense scrutiny.
- Deliberations about what it means to be an "in-state" or "California-based" college or university?
- Determining appropriate roles/lanes for each segment, and what role the state/Legislature should play in resolving those issues.
- LAO projects budget problem of roughly \$58 million over the next two years.
 - What will happen with Cal Grant Reform?

AICCU Priorities:

- \$13.2 million investment to fund the Expanded Community College Transfer Entitlement Award policy change.
- \$8.8 million investment to increase to the Cal Grant award to \$9,708.
- State funds to expand the work and outreach underway with the California Private College is Possible Initiative.
- Continue efforts to elevate discussions about distance education and the need for a reciprocity solution.

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Federal Updates:

Double the Pell

- \$500 increase in 2023 brought award to \$7,395.
- Doubling Pell to \$13,000 would cover 26% of the cost at a private institution, on average.

#DOUBLEPELL

FSEOG and Federal Work-Study

- Fight proposed eliminated of programs by House Republicans.
- Nearly 27,000 students at AICCU institutions receive FSEOG, nearly 11,000 receive FWS.

Increase Access to SNAP

- AICCU supports permanently removing barriers for college students to apply like any other applicant (Farm Bill Reauthorization and bill).



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Federal Updates:

H.R. 3183 (Gomez)

Equitable Access to SNAP (EATS) Act—permanently eliminates barriers to postsecondary students applying for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) (called CalFresh in California), which were temporarily eliminated during the pandemic.

H.R. 4812 (Schiff)

Food for Thought Act—provides grant funding to create free meal programs for low-income students at community colleges and minority-serving institutions. The bill would also allow funding to go towards food pantries, community gardens, updating and purchasing food infrastructure, and help educate and facilitate enrollment in SNAP.

S. 2813 (Padilla)

Hispanic Educational Resources and Empowerment (HERE) Act—provides \$150 million in grants to create partnerships between Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) or emerging HSIs and the school districts that serve a large percentage of low-income and Latino students.

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Policy Implementation and Initiatives: [AB 928 ADT Intersegmental Implementation Committee](#)

ICCU Integration into ASSIST.org

- ASSIST helps students at community college work with counselors to identify the best transfer pathways.
- Currently only integrated with UC and CSU.
- Integration funded by \$1.5 million in 2022 state budget to add ICCUs.
- Estimated completion in Summer 2024.

The screenshot displays the ASSIST.org website, which is the official course transfer and articulation system for California's public colleges and universities. The page is divided into three main sections:

- ASSIST is here to help:** This section provides introductory information, stating that ASSIST is best used in combination with seeing a counselor on campus. It includes a link to "Important Notes from ASSIST" and a "Now Available: 2023-2024 Transferable Course Lists" section with a link to "View ASSIST Frequently Asked Questions for details."
- Search below for articulation agreements:** This search panel includes filters for "Academic Year" (set to 2022-2023), "Institution" (with a dropdown for "Select an Institution" and options for "CCC, CSU, or UC"), and "Agreements with Other Institutions" (with a dropdown for "Select an Institution"). A "View Agreements" button is located at the bottom of this panel.
- Search below for transferable courses:** This search panel includes filters for "Academic Year" (set to 2023-2024) and "Community College" (with a dropdown for "Select a Community College"). It also features several radio button options: "CSU Transferable Courses", "CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses", "CSU US History, Constitution, and American Ideals Courses (CSU AI)", "IGETC for UC and CSU", "UC Transferable Courses", and "UC Transfer Admission Eligibility Courses". A "View Transferability Lists" button is located at the bottom of this panel.

Logos for California Community Colleges, CSU (The California State University), and UC (The University of California) are visible at the bottom of the page.

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Policy Implementation and Initiatives:

California Private College is Possible

- Statewide initiative to increase access to private CA higher education by expanding coordinated outreach to students, families, and counselors.
- Launched in March 2023 at Santa Clara University.
- In September, AICCU organized five regional counselor conferences, plus one virtual one, and also joined the Humboldt County Office of Education Counselor Conference.
- Nearly 600 attendees.
- AICCU plans to do more of this programming in 2024.

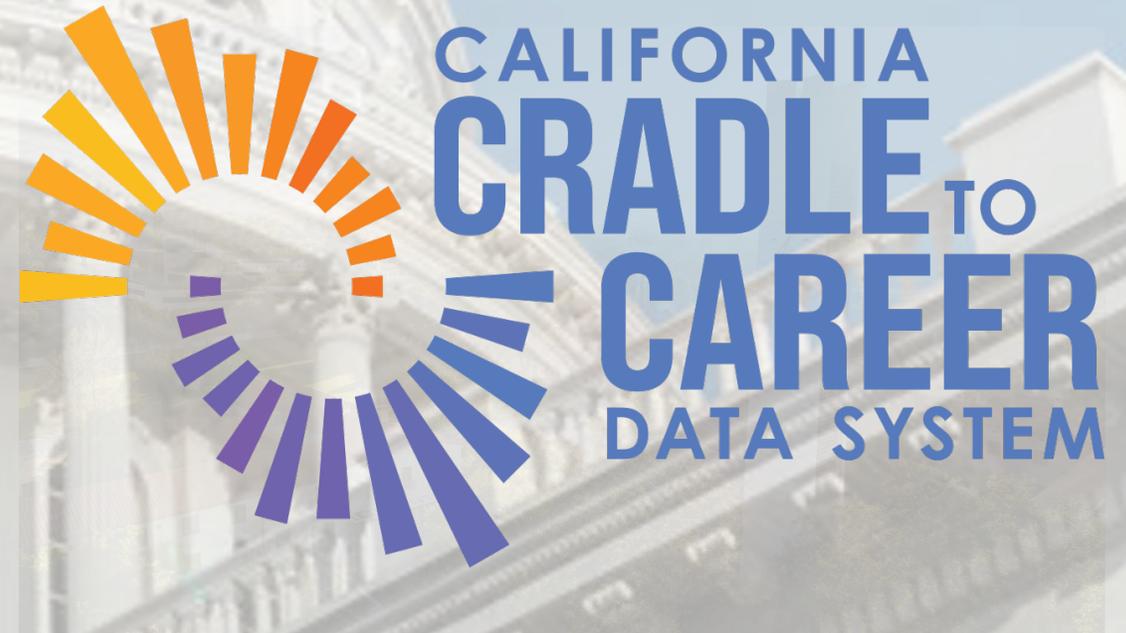
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Policy Implementation:

- [California Cradle-to-Career Data System](#)
 - AICCU has a permanent seat on the governing board and have reps on advisory groups
 - Met a major milestone 15 years in the making – input of data from the public institutions, K-12 and public agencies
 - INP institutions data: 2024 timeline



Reminders and Discussion

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- AICCU Day in the Capitol 2024 (Tuesday, February 27 in Sacramento)
- Subject Matter Group request for volunteers going out this week.

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- Better FAFSA
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