



OCCA DIGEST - June 23, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislative Update

Thursday this week, [lawmakers announced that they would not be moving forward](#) on revenue reform this legislative session. Governor Kate Brown, [in a joint statement](#) issued with Senate President Peter Courtney and House Speaker Tina Kotek, said they will work toward “a balanced budget now” and “structural reform” in 2019.

[Governor Brown stated](#), “While we are moving forward on several major cost containment measures, it has become clear that the Legislature will not have the necessary support to achieve structural revenue reforms this session. Still, we have laid the groundwork for long-term reform to bring balance to our budget and tax system. As the Legislature closes out its business, we will also start planning the next steps to lead to success in the 2019 session.”

Governor Brown also said the state will not move forward with any significant effort to reform the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) this session.

June 26-27, 2017

OPC Meeting
Lane Community College

July 25-26, 2017

New Board Member
Training
Agate Beach Inn, Newport,
OR

July 26-27, 2017

New President and
Administrator Training
Agate Beach Inn, Newport,
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Bills Scheduled Next Week

Below is a list of bills that are scheduled for either hearings or votes next week.

Monday, June 26

8:30 a.m.

[SB 867 A](#)

H-1790

Education

Public hearing and work session

Summary: Creates Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development.

10:00 a.m.

[SB 143 C](#)

House Floor

Summary: Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement one or more grant programs statewide to expand and enhance existing campus veteran resource centers and employ campus veteran resource coordinators on campuses of community colleges and public universities to help veterans successfully transition from military service to college life, succeed in college, compete educational goals, and transition from college to workforce and community.

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Federal News

Year-round Pell

This week, the Department of Education released a [letter relating to the implementation of year-round Pell](#). Congress recently reinstated the year-round Pell Grant for qualified students; now, eligible students can receive an additional Pell Grant disbursement (an additional 50 percent on top of the existing 100 percent maximum award) once they exhaust their base eligibility for the year. This would enable students to attend year-round and received up to \$8,800 in Pell Grant aid in a single award year. The effective start date for year-round Pell is July 1st, 2017.

The information released by the Department of Education indicates flexibility on the part of aid administrators in awarding the additional Pell Grant disbursement. Students can begin receiving a Pell Grant award now for summer of 2017-18 term without concern that aid would be exhausted by the spring.

To read the Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) law alert, please click [here](#).

Perkins Reauthorization

The House is considering a bill to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. The bill – [Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act \(H. R. 2353\)](#) – is very similar to legislation that passed the House last September.

The proposed legislation reforms and modernizes certain aspects of the Perkins Act, while retaining much of the existing structure.

- It retains overall federal-to-state and state-to-local funding allocation formulas, while providing a gradual increase in the funding authorization for basic state grants;

- Updates current accountability measurements and align them more closely with those under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;
- Allows for more collaboration between postsecondary institutions and business and industry;
- Streamlines state and local application process;
- Provides states with more control over Career and Technical Education implementation and planning.

The bill is expected to pass the House, however Senate efforts to reauthorize Perkins appear to remain stalled.

To read a summary of the bill, please click [here](#).

To read ACCT's full law alert, please click [here](#).

CTC Leadership Development Summer Conference

Registration is now open for [CTC Leadership Development Association's 2017 Summer Conference](#). CTC Leadership Development Association is the professional development organization for administrative and exempt/professional employees of community and technical colleges in Washington State.

The Summer Conference will be held August 3 and 4 at The Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane, WA. The keynote speaker is [Margaret Wheatley](#), co-founder and president of the The Berkeana Institute, an organizational consultant since 1973, a global citizen since her youth, and a prolific writer. Wheatley writes, speaks, and teaches how we can accomplish our work, sustain our relationships, and willingly step forward to serve.

The Conference will also feature [Adrianna Kezar](#), PhD. Professor for higher education at the University of Southern

California and co-director of the [Pullias Center for Higher Education](#) and director for the [The Delphi Center](#). Her research agenda explores the change process in higher education institutions and the role of leadership in creating change.

To register for the Summer Conference, please click [here](#). To view the tentative agenda, please click [here](#).

Upcoming OCCA Events: Register Now

[OCCA New Community College Board Member Orientation](#)

July 25-26, 2017

Best Western Agate Beach Inn

- Tuesday, July 25, 6:00 pm - Group Dinner
- Wednesday, July 26, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Orientation and Training

Click [here](#) to register for the board member orientation.

[OCCA New Community College President and Administrator Orientation](#)

July 26-27, 2017

Best Western Agate Beach Inn

- Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 pm - Group Dinner
- Thursday, July 27, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm - Orientation and Training

Click [here](#) to register for the president and administrator orientation.

To reserve a hotel room, please contact Best Western Agate Beach Inn at 541-265-9411 using the code "OCCA". Hotel rooms will be held until July 10, 2017. After that date, rooms can be reserved as available.

- Hillside Room - King or Two Double Beds - \$125 + tax (government rate)
 - Ocean-view - King or Two Double Beds - \$165 + tax
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Oregon's 17 community colleges are a vital part of the state's education system and serve roughly 295,000 students a year, or about 1 in 14 Oregonians.

The OCCA Digest updates members and the public about recent news affecting community colleges and efforts by the association to enhance student success and workforce development.

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