



March 16, 2021

The Honorable Jose Medina, Chair
Assembly Higher Education Committee
1020 N Street, Room 173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 103 (Holden)

Position: Support

Dear Assemblymember Medina:

On behalf of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), I am writing in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 103, which would authorize county offices of education (COEs) to enter into College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships with community college districts (CCDs).

Under current law CCDs and school districts can enter into CCAP partnerships, which offer college courses to high school students so that they can get a jump start on their college education. However, COEs are currently not permitted to enter into CCAP partnerships, meaning students who attend COE-operated high schools, such as continuation and juvenile schools, cannot be a part of dual enrollment programs. This bill would change that provision in law by authorizing COEs to enter into CCAP partnerships with CCDs.

The CCAP has been a successful joint initiative of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California Department of Education that allows high school students to dual enroll in up to 15 community college units per term. The initiative has helped to develop seamless pathways from high school to community college for career technical education or general education transfer. ACCCA supports any legislation that expands access to dual enrollment programs to more high school students.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 103 and urge members of the Assembly Higher Education Committee to vote "aye" for this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan K. Bray', is written over a white background.

Susan K. Bray
Executive Director

cc: Assemblymember Chris Holden
Members, Assembly Higher Education Committee
Michelle McKay Underwood, Legislative Advocate