



April 1, 2021

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

***Re: AB 940 (McCarty)***

***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) 940, which would establish the College Mental Health Services Program Act. The bill would allocate funding from Proposition 63 (2004) to the state's higher education segments in order to increase campus student mental health services and mental health-related education and training.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated poverty, basic needs, and mental health issues for our students and their families. This bill would provide much needed resources to our community college campuses, so that we are able to assist students with their mental health needs whether they are learning remotely or in the classroom.

As education providers we strongly believe that Proposition 98 funding should be strictly limited to educating our students. This is why we strongly appreciate and support Assemblymember McCarty proposing to use Proposition 63 funding for legislation, as that is the appropriate funding stream to address the mental health needs of our students during this unprecedented time and into the future.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 940 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: The Honorable Kevin McCarty  
Members, Assembly Higher Education Committee  
Michelle McKay Underwood, Legislative Advocate