



March 17, 2023

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

Re: AB 1190 (Irwin), As Introduced on February 16, 2023

Position: Oppose

Dear Assemblymember Fong:

On behalf of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), I am writing to respectfully oppose Assembly Bill (AB) 1190 (Irwin).

AB 1190 would repeal the provisions establishing the Community College Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program and the Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program Fund. The bill would instead require community college districts (CCDs), on and after July 1, 2024, to provide compensation for office hours to part-time faculty at an amount equal to one paid office hour for every two classes or more taught per week by the part-time faculty member or 40% of a full-time load and a half-paid office hour for every class or 20% of a full-time load. If these provisions conflict with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement in effect before January 1, 2024, the bill would require the collective bargaining agreement to be reopened for negotiations.

ACCCA holds steadfast to the principle that local control is fundamental in establishing and operating sound programs for students and creating an infrastructure that supports all community college employees. As currently written, AB 1190 would encroach on the local autonomy of CCDs by mandating office hour payments to part-time staff, which is an issue that should be handled during the collective bargaining process. Districts could also bear significant costs if this bill were to be signed into law, as it mandates payments for part-time faculty hours without providing any funding for districts for implementation.

As currently written, this bill would infringe upon the collectively bargaining process and create a new costly mandate for districts who are facing tightened budgets and increased cost pressures all while the state economy is softening. For these reasons, ACCCA must respectfully oppose AB 1190 and ask committee members to vote “no” on 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: Members, Assembly Higher Education Committee
The Honorable Jacqui Irwin
Michelle McKay Underwood, Legislative Advocate, School Services of California Inc.