



September 13, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

***Re: Request for Veto on AB 1856 (Medina)***

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), I am writing to respectfully request for you to veto Assembly Bill (AB) 1856. This bill changes the percentage of the full-time equivalent load for a community college instructor to the range of 80% to 85%, for any new agreement. In practice, this bill triggers full-time benefits for part-time temporary faculty teaching a load of 80-85%.

Last year, you vetoed AB 375, which is identical to the bill that currently sits on your desk. In your veto message, you stated that the bill would create significant ongoing cost pressures and that such a high expenditure is better addressed in the State Budget process. We agree with your rationale and urge you to veto the measure again, especially since you and the Legislature have committed \$200 million ongoing for the Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program in the 2022-23 Enacted Budget, which will significantly expand healthcare coverage to part-time faculty.

Additionally, some districts and their employee groups have already bargained and opted to provide this benefit, while others have jointly determined that it is not the best use of financial resources of the district and have made other employee compensation decisions as a result. This bill would restrict the flexibility that community college districts need to ensure that all of their employees have adequate benefits for a variety of scenarios beyond the scope of what is in this legislation.

For these reasons, ACCCA must oppose AB 1856 and respectfully asks you to veto this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan K. Bray', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Susan K. Bray  
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Jose Medina  
Michelle McKay Underwood, Legislative Advocate  
Nichole Murillo, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom