



April 15, 2026

The Honorable David Alvarez
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5320
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2694 (Alvarez), as Introduced on February 20, 2026

Position: Support

Dear Assemblymember Alvarez,

On behalf of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), the foremost member-supported professional organization for administrators and managers at California Community Colleges (CCC), I write to express our strong support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2694.

AB 2694 refines the CCC Baccalaureate Degree Program by updating restrictions on program duplication and clarifying that community college baccalaureate programs may be approved when there is unmet regional workforce need or when existing California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) programs do not fully meet the needs of local students. The bill also improves the intersegmental review process to support better coordination while allowing community colleges to respond more effectively to regional demand.

ACCCA has supported the CCC Baccalaureate Degree Program since its inception because it provides students with an affordable and accessible pathway to earning a bachelor's degree. Many students, particularly working adults, first-generation college students, and those in underserved communities, benefit from the ability to complete their education locally and at a lower cost.

By refining geographic and workforce considerations, AB 2694 enables community colleges to better align bachelor's degree offerings with regional labor market needs. This targeted approach ensures that programs are developed where they are most needed, helping address workforce shortages in critical sectors while maintaining appropriate coordination with the CSU and UC.

Additionally, community college baccalaureate programs remain one of the most cost-effective ways to expand access to four-year degrees. Students benefit from significantly lower tuition, reduced debt, and the ability to remain in their communities while completing their education.

AB 2694 represents a thoughtful and necessary evolution of the CCC Baccalaureate Degree Program, balancing access, affordability, and workforce responsiveness. For these reasons, ACCCA strongly supports AB 2694.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claudia Lourido-Habib', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Dr. Claudia Lourido-Habib
Executive Director

cc: Michelle McKay Underwood, Legislative Advocate, School Services of California Inc.
Kyle Hyland, Legislative Advocate, School Services of California Inc.