

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM  
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(ID # 9457)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Receive & File Position on Legislation, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the legislative update.


ACTION: Consent

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: April 2, 2019  
xc: EO

Kecia Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy  
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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	<b>No</b>
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

As per Board Policy A-27, the purpose of Riverside County's Legislative Program is to secure legislation that benefits the county and its residents, and to oppose/amend legislation that might adversely affect the County. Recognizing the need for consistency in conveying official positions on legislative matters, the county has instituted a coordinated process involving interaction between the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Office, County agencies/departments, and the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

If there is insufficient time for pending legislation to be brought to the attention of the full Board for discussion. The Board Chair & Vice-chair can take a position on pending legislation per the request of the Executive Office and the Executive Office is then directed to bring the item back to the next Board Meeting for Board consent.

**Summary**

Since the last meeting of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, the following position was taken on a piece of legislation to voice Riverside County's Support/Opposition:

**Legislation/Policy:** SB 56 Roth University of California, Riverside School of Medicine: expansion

**Position:** Support

**Summary:** This bill would appropriate to the regents \$80,000,000 from the General Fund for the 2020–21, fiscal year to be expended solely on the construction of a new University of California, Riverside School of Medicine facility, and an additional \$25,000,000 from the General Fund each fiscal year, commencing with the 2020–21 fiscal year, to be expended solely on ongoing operational support for the expansion of the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine.

  
 Brian Nestande 3/27/2019

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 11, 2019

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 56**

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**Introduced by Senator Roth**

*(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Cervantes and Medina)*

December 17, 2018

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An act relating to postsecondary education, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 56, as amended, Roth. University of California, Riverside School of Medicine: expansion.

The California Constitution provides that the University of California constitutes a public trust administered by the Regents of the University of California, a corporation in the form of a board, with full powers of organization and government, subject to legislative control only for specified purposes. The University of California system includes 10 campuses, which are located in Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

This bill would appropriate to the regents \$80,000,000 from the General Fund for the 2020–21, fiscal year to be expended solely on the construction of a new University of California, Riverside School of Medicine facility, and an additional \$25,000,000 from the General Fund each fiscal year, commencing with the 2020–21 fiscal year, to be expended solely on ongoing operational support for the expansion of the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) For purposes of this act, the following  
2 ~~definition~~ definitions apply:

3 (1) "Inland Southern California" is a region in southern  
4 California east of the Los Angeles metropolitan area that comprises  
5 the County of Riverside and the County of San Bernardino.

6 (2) "UCR" is the University of California, Riverside.

7 (b) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

8 (1) The state's supply of primary care physicians is significantly  
9 below what is considered sufficient to meet patient needs. In the  
10 rapidly growing and ethnically diverse area of Inland Southern  
11 California, the shortage is particularly severe, with just 35 primary  
12 care physicians per 100,000 patients, far fewer than the  
13 recommended range of 60 to 80 primary care physicians per  
14 100,000 patients. In real numbers, Inland Southern California has  
15 a shortfall of 1,500 primary care physicians and a shortfall of 33 1/3  
16 percent in specialist physicians. UCR School of Medicine needs  
17 to substantially expand its enrollment to meet the region's need  
18 for primary care and specialist physicians.

19 (2) According to the statistics published by the Association of  
20 American Medical Colleges, the state lags substantially in the  
21 number of medical school seats per capita, with just 17.3 seats per  
22 100,000 persons compared to the national average of 31.4 seats  
23 per 100,000 persons.

24 (3) According to the California Health Care Foundation, 72  
25 percent of the state's counties have an undersupply of primary care  
26 physicians, with primary care physicians making up just 34 percent  
27 of the state's physician workforce.

28 (4) UCR's four-year school of medicine opened in August 2013  
29 and subsequently received provisional accreditation from the  
30 Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the nationally  
31 recognized accrediting body for medical education programs  
32 leading to doctor of medicine degrees in the United States and  
33 Canada. At the time UCR School of Medicine opened, it was the  
34 first new public medical school in the state in more than 40 years.  
35 Since its opening, UCR School of Medicine has graduated 89  
36 students with doctor of medicine degrees, 40 in 2017 and 49 in  
37 2018.

1 (5) UCR School of Medicine, as a community-based medical  
2 school, has a public mission to expand and diversify the region's  
3 physician workforce and improve the health of people living in  
4 Inland Southern California. UCR School of Medicine has also  
5 made a commitment to underserved patient populations.

6 (6) Due to budgetary constraints at the time it was established,  
7 UCR School of Medicine was forced to occupy an existing facility  
8 located on UCR's campus, which has limited its total enrollment  
9 to 250 students per academic year and state funding to support the  
10 medical school to \$15,000,000 per fiscal ~~year~~ *year, impacting its*  
11 *ability to fully realize its public mission.*

12 (7) Expansion of the UCR School of Medicine facility is  
13 urgently required in order to accommodate 500 physicians in  
14 training to increase the supply of primary care physicians in  
15 underserved areas of the state. The state's annual appropriation of  
16 \$15,000,000 also needs to be increased to support the expansion  
17 of UCR School of Medicine.

18 (c) The following amounts are hereby appropriated from the  
19 General Fund to the Regents of the University of California for  
20 the following purposes:

21 (1) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, the sum of eighty million dollars  
22 (\$80,000,000), to be expended solely on the construction of a new  
23 UCR School of Medicine facility.

24 (2) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter,  
25 the sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), to be  
26 expended solely on ongoing operational support for the expansion  
27 of UCR School of Medicine.