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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2046

Introduced by Assembly Members Medina and Gray

February 14, 2022

~~An act to amend Section 92111 of the Education Code, relating to the University of California.~~ *An act to add Article 8 (commencing with Section 92180) to Chapter 2 of Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to the University of California, and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2046, as amended, Medina. ~~Execution of a deed to the Regents of the University of California; notice.~~ *University of California: Inland Rising Fund.*

Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as one of the segments of postsecondary education in this state. The University of California comprises 10 institutions of higher education, which are located in the Cities of Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

This bill would establish the Inland Rising Fund, the moneys in which would be allocated to the University of California, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to support the multiyear operating costs for the development, operation, and maintenance of economic development and innovative climate change research efforts and health care and medical research operations at the University of California, Riverside, and the University of California, Merced. The bill would appropriate \$1,460,000,000 from the General Fund to the Inland Rising Fund and

would allocate the moneys between the 2 campuses, as specified, for programs in economic development and climate change research and health care and medical research operations.

~~Existing law requires the Controller, after receiving certain proof, to direct the tax collector of the county or city and county in which the certain lands are situated to execute a deed in the name of the state to the Regents of the University of California whenever the state is the owner of any property sold to the state for delinquent taxes and there appears of record an unpaid mortgage upon the property to the Regents of the University of California, as specified. Existing law requires the tax collector to publish a notice containing specified information once a week for at least 3 successive weeks in some newspaper published in the county or city and county in which the lands are situated. Existing law requires the tax collector to post this notice in 3 conspicuous places at least 3 weeks before the day named in the notice if there is no newspaper published in the county or city and county in which the lands are situated.~~

~~This bill would require the tax collector to publish the notice once a day for at least 3 successive weeks in some newspaper published in the county or city and county in which the lands are situated. The bill would require the tax collector to post the notice in 5 conspicuous places at least 3 months before the day named in the notice if there is no newspaper published in the county or city and county in which the lands are situated. To the extent this bill would increase the duties of the tax collector of the county or city and county in which the lands are situated, the bill would constitute a state-mandated local program.~~

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.~~

~~Vote: majority^{2/3}. Appropriation: ~~no~~-yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.~~

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

- 1 SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2 *following:*

1 (a) California is the fifth largest economy in the world, but these
2 economic benefits are not shared equally by all regions of the
3 state. Most notably, the Inland Empire and central valley are
4 among the lowest in educational attainment levels and per-capita
5 income. The regions' universities support the state's highest
6 proportion of California undergraduate, low-income, and
7 first-generation students, and state investment would support more
8 equitable outcomes for these students and their communities.
9 Therefore, the University of California Riverside and Merced
10 campuses are uniquely positioned to contribute to the economic
11 vitality of California's inland regions through economic
12 development, research innovation, and continuing enrollment
13 growth of undergraduate, professional, and graduate students.

14 (b) Importantly, while climate change affects everyone, there
15 are more significant negative impacts among Inland Empire and
16 central valley residents and their local industries. Agriculture and
17 warehousing, in particular, are low-wage industries that contribute
18 to and are susceptible to the detrimental impacts of smog and
19 climate change. Similarly, Inland Empire and central valley citizens
20 face chronic diseases that disproportionately burden low-income
21 communities and people of color. Access to health care providers
22 is very limited, a condition which will worsen as these regions'
23 populations are expected to grow, as the Inland Empire is one of
24 the fastest growing regions in the United States.

25 (c) A timely, transformational investment at the University of
26 California's two most diverse campuses, University of California,
27 Riverside (UCR), and University of California, Merced (UCM),
28 is key to spurring economic development in the Inland Empire and
29 central valley. Strategically raising the impact and stature of these
30 two leading universities will (1) accelerate economic development
31 and innovation in the areas of air pollution, clean technology, and
32 sustainable agriculture, and (2) significantly improve health
33 outcomes in these communities, as a means of increasing overall
34 equity and per-capita income in these regions of the state.

35 (d) Moreover, such an investment will result in UCR becoming
36 the first inland Association of American Universities (AAU)
37 institution, placing it among the nation's top universities; and
38 UCM will become the first Research I (R1) institution in the central
39 valley. Top-ranked AAU and R1 universities optimize benefits to
40 California and their local communities by attracting new talent

1 and dollars, as illustrated by the impact of the University of
2 California, Berkeley, and Stanford University in Silicon Valley
3 and the University of California, San Francisco's, pioneering
4 innovations in biotechnology. Therefore, strategically advancing
5 the stature of these two "anchor" institutions will dramatically
6 increase the economic impact of these universities within their
7 local communities and across the state and nation.

8 (e) Through state support, UCR will leverage their existing
9 strengths in social mobility, clean technology, and air pollution
10 research to advance sustainability, innovation, and social
11 inclusion, and UCM will significantly expand their research on
12 the future of agriculture, including agricultural technology, limited
13 pesticide use, and better water usage. Both campuses also have
14 plans to grow their own health care providers, by advancing
15 medical education in the Inland Empire and central valley and by
16 developing intentional research programs that address the regions'
17 distinctive health challenges, including valley fever and respiratory
18 diseases.

19 SEC. 2. Article 8 (commencing with Section 92180) is added
20 to Chapter 2 of Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education
21 Code, to read:

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23 *Article 8. Inland Rising Fund*

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25 92180. (a) The Inland Rising Fund is hereby established.
26 Moneys in the fund shall be allocated to the University of
27 California, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to support the
28 multiyear operating costs for the development, operation, and
29 maintenance of economic development and innovative climate
30 change research efforts and health care and medical research
31 operations at the University of California, Riverside, and the
32 University of California, Merced. These funds shall be adjusted
33 annually, consistent with other allocations to the University of
34 California, and are a supplement to, and not a replacement of,
35 any current or future funding.

36 (b) The sum of one billion four hundred sixty million dollars
37 (\$1,460,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund
38 to the Inland Rising Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be allocated
39 between both campuses for programs in the following two
40 categories:

- 1 (1) *Economic development and climate change research:*
- 2 (A) *Five hundred fifteen million dollars (\$515,000,000) in*
- 3 *one-time funding, and eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) in*
- 4 *ongoing funding to the University of California, Riverside for the*
- 5 *following purposes:*
- 6 (i) *Student enrollment, research faculty, and staff growth.*
- 7 (ii) *Four education and research facilities, including engineering*
- 8 *and natural sciences.*
- 9 (iii) *Development of a clean technology park.*
- 10 (B) *Four hundred fifty-one million dollars (\$451,000,000) in*
- 11 *one-time funding and sixty-nine million dollars (\$69,000,000) in*
- 12 *ongoing funding to the University of California, Merced, for the*
- 13 *following purposes:*
- 14 (i) *Student enrollment, research faculty, and staff growth.*
- 15 (ii) *Academic program development.*
- 16 (iii) *Student support services.*
- 17 (iv) *Research infrastructure.*
- 18 (2) *Health care and medical research operations:*
- 19 (A) *Two hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$275,000,000)*
- 20 *in one-time funding to the University of California, Riverside, for*
- 21 *the following purposes:*
- 22 (i) *University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine and*
- 23 *clinical health and research faculty recruitment.*
- 24 (ii) *The establishment of a University of California, Riverside,*
- 25 *teaching hospital and medical center.*
- 26 (B) *Sixty-two million dollars (\$62,000,000) in one-time funding*
- 27 *and eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in ongoing funding to the*
- 28 *University of California, Merced, for the following purposes:*
- 29 (i) *Medical education operations.*
- 30 (ii) *Medical education infrastructure.*
- 31 (iii) *The establishment of a nursing program.*
- 32 (iv) *The construction of a nursing program building.*
- 33 ~~SECTION 1. Section 92111 of the Education Code is amended~~
- 34 ~~to read:~~
- 35 ~~92111. The tax collector shall thereupon publish a notice once~~
- 36 ~~a day for at least three successive weeks in some newspaper~~
- 37 ~~published in the county or city and county in which the lands are~~
- 38 ~~situated, or if there is no newspaper published therein, then the tax~~
- 39 ~~collector shall post a notice in five conspicuous places in the county~~

1 or city and county at least three weeks before the day named in
2 the notice.

3 SEC. 2. ~~If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~
4 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~
5 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~
6 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~
7 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~