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Fact Sheet

PROPOSED BILL

AB 684 requires meetings of the University of California Board for Admissions and Relations with Schools to be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act.

BACKGROUND

On July 07, 2023, the University of California Board for Admission and School Relations (UC BOARS) issued a decision that data science would no longer be an acceptable alternative for Algebra II for the purposes of UC undergraduate admissions. In subsequent meetings of UC BOARS additional changes were made to the definition of “advance mathematics” resulting in the UC requiring all K-12 districts, charter schools, and private schools to resubmit their math courses for review to determine if the content met the UC academic standards for Algebra II content or the definition of advance mathematics.

The meetings which determined the change in the UC admissions criteria were not subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act despite having a direct impact on the admission process for the UC.

On July 15, 2024, the UC Regents held a discussion item on the implementation of the UC BOARS decision; at which point, the President of the California State Board of Education submitted a letter for public comment. None of the questions listed in the letter were answered on the record, nor were any of the questions the Regents asked during the meeting answered on the record by a representative from UC BOARS.

PROBLEM

Meetings of the UC Regents are required to hold open meetings pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section (9) of Article IX of the California Constitution. Additionally, Education Code Section 92030 clarifies that all meetings

of the UC Regents are subject to the Bagley – Keene Open Meetings Act.

The California Constitution gives the UC Regents the full powers of organizing and governing all aspects of the UC. In Regents Policy 2102, the Regents have delegated the authority to determine the conditions for undergraduate admission to the UC Academic Senate (UC BOARS), with final approval by the UC Regents. The changes to the Area C mathematics conditions for undergraduate admission were never subject to a vote of the UC Regents, nor was the decision process leading to the change in the admission criteria subject to public input.

SOLUTION

AB 684 states all meetings of UC BOARS should be subject to the Bagley – Keene Open Meetings Act.

If UC BOARS is to make the final decision for admission criteria and the UC Regents are declining to vote on the changes, then the meetings where the decision is made should be subject to the Bagley – Keene Open Meetings Act.

SUPPORT

OPPOSITION

None at this time.

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