

## THE PUBLIC PRESCHOOL, K-12, AND COLLEGE HEALTH AND SAFETY BOND ACT OF 2020

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The Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 authorizes \$15 billion for the construction and modernization of public preschool, K-12, California Community Colleges (CCC), University of California (UC), and California State University (CSU) facilities. The measure will be placed on the March 3, 2020 ballot.

### **Background:**

AB 48 (O'Donnell) establishes the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 authorizing \$15 billion in bond funds to be allocated as follows:

- \$9 billion for Preschool to Grade 12 school facilities as follows:
  - \$2.8 billion for new construction;
  - \$5.2 billion for modernization;
  - \$500 million for charter schools; and,
  - \$500 million for career technical education.
- With respect to financial hardship eligibility, the initiative would increase the total bonding capacity cap from \$5 million to \$15 million;
- \$2 billion for the UC and the Hastings College of Law;
- \$2 billion for the CSU; and,
- \$2 billion for community college facilities

The last statewide general obligation bond, Proposition 51, was approved by voters in November 2016. Proposition 51 authorized a total of \$9 billion in state general obligation bond funds with \$7 billion for K-12 education facilities and \$2 billion for community college facilities.

We anticipate that the measure will be supported by the Education Coalition, California Community College Chancellor's Office, the University of California Trustees, California State University, Office of the Chancellor and the Building Trades, among others.

Likely opposition would come from groups like the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the California Taxpayers Network.

### **Recommendation:**

That the State and Federal Legislative Committee recommend that General Membership endorse the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 on the March 2020 statewide ballot.