

Date of Hearing: May 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 2392 (Fong) – As Amended April 23, 2026

Policy Committee:	Higher Education	Vote:	10 - 0
	Privacy and Consumer Protection		15 - 0

Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: No Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU), and requests the University of California (UC), to convene a joint working group to develop responsible generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) training and procurement standards and present its recommendations, by January 1, 2028, to the respective public higher education system leaders.

FISCAL EFFECT:

One-time General Fund costs of an unknown amount, likely minor and absorbable, to the CCC, CSU, and UC to convene the working group and provide recommendations.

Generally, the committee will move to the suspense file any bill it determines to have the primary purpose of creating a working group.

COMMENTS:

1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

AB 2392 applies lessons learned from the rollout of CSU’s AI-Empowered Initiative, and will ensure that public segments of higher education, before providing an AI tool, program, or application to students, faculty, or staff provide training on the use of that product. AB 2392 also ensures that training includes relevant policies concerning the use of artificial intelligence, and a disclosure of privacy policies for the AI product.

2) **Background.** Each of California’s public higher education segments—CSU, UC, and CCC—have established AI-related working groups and initiatives. Most notably, the CSU, February 2025, announced its AI-Empowered Initiative to “leverage the power of artificial intelligence to create an AI-empowered higher education system that could surpass any existing model in both scale and impact.” However, significant concerns arose, such as those raised by the California State Student Association (CSS), regarding rushed and inconsistent implementation, a lack of adequate training and awareness, and privacy, transparency, sustainability, and governance.

The Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection held a joint oversight hearing in August of 2025 directly in response to

these and other concerns regarding the proliferation of GenAI and AI in general in higher education. This bill comes directly from recommendations and testimony presented during the joint oversight hearing regarding privacy concerns and the need for more training.

Proponents of this bill, such as the California Teachers Association (CTA), contend it is an attempt to “establish a necessary framework for transparency and labor protection in AI’s application” and warn that without training the working group would develop “faculty may be evaluated based on opaque, algorithmic metrics they do not understand and cannot challenge.”

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