Date of Hearing: April 29, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Buffy Wicks, Chair
AB 2436 (Fong) – As Introduced February 20, 2026

Policy Committee: Higher Education Vote: 9 - 0

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

SUMMARY:

This bill permanently extends the existing temporary exemption, set to expire July 1, 2032, allowing Team USA student athletes training in California in an elite-level program approved by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) to receive in-state resident classification for purposes of tuition and fees until the student satisfies the existing residence requirements.

FISCAL EFFECT:

1) According to the UC Office of the President, an average of 12 Team USA students have attended a UC in the last three years, representing an annual revenue loss of $471,240 relative to out-of-state tuition and fees.

2) Ongoing likely minor Proposition 98 General fund revenue losses for California Community Colleges (CCCs), collectively statewide, who would enroll eligible students and have to exclude them from full-time equivalent student counts for purposes of state apportionment under this bill.

3) Minor and absorbable revenue losses for the California State University (CSU) associated with the differential revenue received from providing eligible students in-state resident tuition and fees.

According to the USOPC, there are approximately 4,500 student athletes training across 55 different Olympic and Paralympic sports nationwide.

COMMENTS:

Background. AB 2747 (Nazarian), Chapter 972, Statutes of 2022, provided the original exemption for Team USA student athletes training anywhere in California to receive the benefit of in-state resident tuition and fees, but included a sunset provision for July 1, 2032.

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