Date of Hearing: May 13, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Buffy Wicks, Chair
AB 2523 (Fong) – As Amended April 23, 2026

Policy Committee: Higher Education Vote: 10 - 0

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

**SUMMARY**:

This bill requires the Trustees of the California State University (BOT) and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (BOG), and requests the Regents of the University of California (Board of Regents), to post on their respective internet websites specified biographical and contact information for each board member.

**FISCAL EFFECT**:

Minor and absorbable costs to the respective governing bodies of the public higher education systems.

**COMMENTS**:

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

> AB 2523 promotes accessibility and transparency in California's public higher education system by requiring contact information of governing board members to be more accessible to the public, including students, faculty, and other stakeholders. This bill seeks to remove barriers that prevent individuals from communicating directly with governing board members responsible for decisions impacting the University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges systems.

2) **Background.** The BOT, BOG, and Board of Regents represent the governance structures overseeing each of California's three public higher education systems. Meetings of each board are subject to open public board meetings laws, which include provisions for viewing and participation by the public. This bill creates additional avenues for the public to engage directly with board members by prescribing specific biographical and contact information of each member on the respective websites of each system, such as an email address and telephone number assigned by the institution for conducting official business.

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