

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 2693 (Alvarez)

As Amended July 1, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Updates the list of campuses of the California State University (CSU) that are the property of the state to include "Cal Poly Maritime" and "Cal Poly Maritime Academy" to reflect the recent name change and transition of CSU, California Maritime Academy. Additionally requires the Trustees of the CSU, on or before January 1, 2028, to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the Cal Poly Maritime Academy following its integration with California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, as provided.

Senate Amendments

- 1) Requires CSU to submit a report to the Legislature that includes the following:
 - a) A description of the organizational and administrative structure governing the Cal Poly Maritime Academy following its integration with California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, including the reporting relationships of the Cal Poly Maritime Academy's president or equivalent officer, the status of Cal Poly Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets, and any changes to academic program offerings, accreditation, or degree requirements resulting from the integration.
 - b) The status of all existing agreements, grants, and programmatic relationships between Cal Poly Maritime Academy and the United States Maritime Administration.
 - c) A description of the transition from the Training Ship Golden Bear to the Training Ship Golden State, including the status of any state-funded capital improvements made to facilities at the Cal Poly Maritime Academy's Vallejo campus to accommodate the Training Ship Golden State.
 - d) A fiscal summary of any costs to the state associated with the integration, including any changes to CSU system support allocations, and capital expenditures at the Cal Poly Maritime Academy's Vallejo campus not funded by federal sources.

COMMENTS

Background. The CSU Maritime Academy, commonly known as Cal Maritime, has operated for more than 90 years and is the only degree-granting maritime academy on the West Coast. Over that time, it grew from a small nautical training school into a specialized campus within the CSU system, with students, faculty, and alumni contributing to the state and nation in both wartime and peacetime. It is one of only six degree-granting state maritime academies in the United States that produce U.S. Coast Guard-licensed merchant mariner officers, preparing graduates for careers in engineering, oceanography, transportation, global logistics, marine sciences, and international relations.

Located on a 92-acre waterfront campus in Vallejo, Cal Maritime offers seven specialized undergraduate majors and maintains a 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio, with programs emphasizing a "learn by doing" approach that includes required internships and a Summer Sea Term aboard the

500-foot Training Ship *Golden Bear*. Enrollment, however, has declined substantially in recent years: according to the Cal Poly Maritime Integration FAQ, headcount fell roughly 31% over seven years, from 1,107 students in 2016–17 to 761 in 2023–24, with fall 2024 enrollment at 804. Combined with rising compensation and operating costs, this decline created a projected budget deficit that the CSU determined was unsustainable for Cal Maritime as a standalone institution.

To preserve the Cal Maritime's federally regulated licensure programs and its role in national and economic security, the CSU Board of Trustees voted on November 21, 2024, to approve the chancellor's recommendation to integrate Cal Maritime with Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. The integration is structured as a permanent solution rather than a temporary financial fix, supported by \$35 million in one-time CSU funds distributed over seven years. Effective July 1, 2025, the two institutions began operating as a single university under Cal Poly President Dr. Jeffrey D. Armstrong, with Vice President/CEO Dr. Corey Cook leading what is now called the Cal Poly Solano Campus, and Rear Admiral Eric C. Jones, U.S. Maritime Service, serving as Superintendent of Cal Poly Maritime Academy - which is housed at the Solano campus.

Formal integration completes in fall 2026, when the first students will enroll as Cal Poly students under a single administrative structure, budget, academic senate, student association, alumni association, and foundation. The new purpose-built National Security Multi-Mission Vessel-class training ship *Golden State* is expected to arrive early 2027, with associated waterfront upgrades estimated at \$120 million (at least 80% federally funded).

Purpose. AB 2693 (Alvarez) adds the names "Cal Poly Maritime" and "Cal Poly Maritime Academy" to the list of abbreviations of the CSU. A similar addition was made in the AB 2973 (Committee on Higher Education), Chapter 465, Statutes of 2022 – the 2022 Higher Education Omnibus bill – that added "California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt" to the Education Code.

According to the Author

According to the author, "AB 2693 will create parity by codifying Cal Poly Maritime's abbreviated name change. This change will create alignment with the twenty-three other CSU campuses that have abbreviations. This is a timely update as CSU Maritime will complete its formal integration under Cal Poly's administrative structure during the fall of 2026."

Arguments in Support

None based on the current version of the measure.

Arguments in Opposition

None based on the current version of the measure.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, this bill could result in one-time General Fund costs in the tens of thousands of dollars for CSU to complete the legislative report.

VOTES:**ASM HIGHER EDUCATION: 10-0-0**

YES: Fong, DeMaio, Boerner, Macedo, Jackson, Muratsuchi, Patel, Ramos, Sharp-Collins, Tangipa

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Aguiar-Curry, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Arambula

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 77-0-3

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

ABS, ABST OR NV: Arambula, Flora, Celeste Rodriguez

SENATE FLOOR: 39-0-1

YES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNERNEY, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes

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