



access high-quality, four-year degree opportunities in their communities.

- 2) **Background.** In 2014 the Legislature authorized the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, in consultation with the CSU and UC, to establish a baccalaureate degree pilot program. The pilot program allowed up to 15 participating CCDs to offer one baccalaureate degree program each to meet local workforce needs provided it was not duplicating a baccalaureate degree program already offered by the CSU or the UC. The LAO conducted interim and final evaluations of the pilot program.

In 2021, the Legislature permanently approved the original pilot programs and allowed authorization for as many as 30 new baccalaureate degrees per year statewide. As of publication of this analysis there are a total of 47 approved programs across 38 community colleges. Most participating campuses currently offer one program. Current law continues to prohibit any of the CCC baccalaureate degree programs to duplicate any program offered by the CSU or UC, except with regard to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree programs offered by the CCC.

- 3) **Related Legislation.** AB 2301 (Soria), of the current legislative session, requires the CCCCCO to develop a BSN Pilot Program limited to 10 CCDs statewide and requires the CCCCCO to identify and select eligible CCDs based on specified criteria. AB 2301 is pending hearing in this committee.

AB 1400 (Soria), of the current legislative session, requires the CCCCCO to develop a BSN Pilot Program limited to 10 CCDs statewide and requires the CCCCCO to identify and select eligible CCDs based on specified criteria. The Governor vetoed AB 1400 citing recently enacted legislation expanding CCC's authority and the need to give those policies time for study before granting additional expansions of the CCC's role.

- 4) **Prior Legislation.** AB 927 (Medina and Choi), Chapter 565, Statutes of 2021, permanently authorized the offering of baccalaureate degree programs at CCCs.

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