

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No: SB 895
Author: Wiener (D), Pérez (D) and Wahab (D), et al.
Amended: 8/27/26
Vote: 27- Urgency

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE: 9-2, 3/25/26

AYES: Weber Pierson, Caballero, Durazo, Gonzalez, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez,
Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas

NOES: Valladares, Grove

SENATE NATURAL RES. & WATER COMMITTEE: 5-2, 4/14/26

AYES: Becker, Allen, Cabaldon, Cortese, Stern

NOES: Seyarto, Grove

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: 5-2, 5/14/26

AYES: Cervantes, Cabaldon, Grayson, Richardson, Wahab

NOES: Seyarto, Dahle

SENATE FLOOR: 29-9, 5/27/26

AYES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon,
Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Laird, Limón,
McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Reyes, Richardson, Rubio,
Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NOES: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto,
Strickland, Valladares

NO VOTE RECORDED: Dahle, Hurtado

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 67-6, 8/31/26 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: California Science and Health Research Bond Act

SOURCE: United Auto Workers Region 6
Union of American Physicians and Dentists
University of California

DIGEST: This bill creates the California Foundation for Science and Health Research (CFSHR), housed in the Government Operations Agency, to award grants, loans, and contracts to public or private research companies, universities, academic medical centers, institutes, and organizations for scientific research and development from a California Foundation for Science and Health Research and Innovation Acceleration (CFSHRIA) Fund and CFSHRIA Benefit Fund. Establishes the CFSHR Council to establish and develop the strategic objectives and priorities of the Foundation and determine which projects will be awarded grants, loans, or contracts. Funds the CFSHRIA Fund through the issuance and sale of \$7.5 billion in bonds, pending voter approval on the March 7, 2028 primary election ballot. Establishes the CFSHR Finance Committee to authorize the issuance and sale of bonds. Contains an urgency clause that will make this bill effective upon enactment.

Assembly Amendments:

- 1) Reduce the amount authorized for bond issuance and sale to \$7.5 billion.
- 2) Require at least 10% of fund money (no more than 1.5% of total bond funds annually) to be allocated consistent with the Advanced Research Projects Agency model.
- 3) Require at least \$250 million (no more than 0.5% of total bond funds annually) to be allocated to entities focused on the commercialization of research.
- 4) Permits the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) to submit construction and modernization proposals to the Department of Finance (DOF) for facilities that support research consistent with CFSHR priorities. Requires the DOF, upon approval, to allocate \$250 million to UC and \$750 million to CSU from the CHSHRIA Fund for this purpose.
- 5) Allow the CFSHR to award contracts, expand awardees to include academic medical centers, and restrict awardees to those where the majority of research is being conducted in California, and prohibit awards to, or collaborations with, specified foreign entities of concern.
- 6) Include seismic and related geohazards in the list of research fields eligible for awards.

- 7) Require the CFSHR to prioritize funding research that, beyond being subject to discretionary programmatic federal funding cuts, supports or accelerates the development and deployment of research that grows California's economy and can lead to high-quality jobs.
- 8) Permit the CFSHR to adopt regulations to achieve the goals of the CFSHR, and allow the CFSHR to enter into interagency agreements to administer programs funded by the CFSHR.
- 9) Restrict the salary of the CFSHR director to the base salary of the Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs of the University of California.
- 10) Require nine of the CFSHR Council members to be appointed by the Governor, instead of the Secretary of the Government Operations Agency (GovOps), including one with a background in research policy, establish a chair and staggered terms, remove term limits, and make Council members subject to disclosure requirements relating to personal investments and conflicts of interest.
- 11) Require the CFSHR Council to provide the opportunity for public comment when developing the strategic objectives and priorities of the CFSHR, consider how the research priorities relate to or support the state's economies and industries, and develop objectives and opportunities that support early-career researchers.
- 12) Require the CFSHR Council to develop provisions and requirements to increase promote equitable access to subject inventions, make data resulting from bond-funded research available to the scientific community, and establish standards for intellectual property agreements that allow the state to benefit from the research it funds.
- 13) Require the CFSHR to adopt regulations and standards to directly recoup or benefit from the research and development it funds and require proceeds of intellectual property assets to be deposited into the CFSHRIA Fund.
- 14) Require the CFHSR to include in their annual report, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, an assessment of how the work funded by the CFHSR impacts Californians or is supportive of California's economy or job opportunities.
- 15) Add an urgency clause that will make this bill effective upon enactment.
- 16) Make various technical and conforming changes.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Establishes GovOps, which includes the Department of Technology, the Department of General Services, and the Office of Data and Innovation, among other departments, offices, and boards. [GOV §12803.2]
- 2) Establishes the California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Act, which requires a grantee that receives funding, in whole or in part, in the form of a research grant from a state agency to provide for free public access to any publication of a peer-reviewed manuscript describing state-agency-funded knowledge, a state-agency-funded invention, or state-agency-funded technology. [GOV §13989, et seq.]
- 3) Establishes, within the California Constitution, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) to make grants and loans for stem cell research, for research facilities, and for other vital research opportunities to realize therapies, protocols, and/or medical procedures that will result in, as speedily as possible, the cure for, and/or substantial mitigation of, major diseases, injuries, and orphan diseases. [California Constitution, Article XXXV, §2]

This bill:

CFSHR.

- 1) Establishes the CFSHR in GovOps, and states that its role is to facilitate scientific research by awarding grants, loans, and contracts to companies, universities, academic medical centers, institutes, and organizations for scientific research and development, to construct facilities for research and development, and for sectors identified as “Bet” and “Accelerate” in the February 2025 California Jobs First State Economic Blueprint, including, but not limited to the following fields of research:
 - a) Biomedical, including finding cures for high mortality diseases, including, but not limited to, cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), heart disease, strokes, child and adult leukemia, infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS, and genetic and chronic diseases affecting children and infants;

- b) Public health, including, but not limited to, environmental health detecting and responding to new and emerging health threats;
- c) Disease prevention, including, but not limited to, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, heart disease, strokes, child and adult leukemia, infectious diseases, and HIV/AIDS;
- d) Promoting healthy and safe behaviors, communities, and environment;
- e) Wildfire prevention;
- f) Behavioral health, including, but not limited to, addiction and substance use disorders;
- g) Climate, including climate change and its impact on human health and weather;
- h) Ocean, including sea level rise, and coastal and marine ecosystems and resources;
- i) Agriculture and water;
- j) Seismic and related geohazards;
- k) Emerging technologies; and,
- l) Safety, efficacy, and security of drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, and cosmetics.

CFSHRIA Fund.

- 2) Establishes the CFSHRIA Fund in the State Treasury, into which the proceeds of bonds issued/sold pursuant to this bill are required to be deposited. Establishes the CFSHRIA Benefit Fund in the State Treasury, consisting solely of donations. Requires the CFSHRIA Fund and CFSHRIA Benefit Fund to fund the CFSHR's awarded grants, loans, and contracts.
- 3) Requires research and development funded to be conducted under established standards of open scientific exchange, peer review, and public oversight, including, but not limited to the California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Act.

- 4) Requires grants, loans, or contracts to be awarded or made available to researchers or projects located within this state. Permits funding for research collaboratives between California and out-of-state researchers if 75% of the funds awarded by the CFSHR to a specific project are used for research activities in California, and prohibits funding for entities that constitute a foreign entity of concern. Requires grants or loans to be awarded based on:
 - a) Consistency with the research priorities established for CFSHR by the CFSHR Council established under this bill; and,
 - b) The scientific merit of the proposed research, as determined by an open, competitive, scientific peer review process that ensures objectivity, consistency, and high quality, as specified.
 - c) The Federal Laboratory Contracting Act, if the funds are allocated to a U.S. Department of Energy or National Aeronautics and Space Administration laboratory operating within California.
- 5) Requires CFSHR to prioritize funding research impacted by discretionary programmatic cuts by the federal government or research that supports or accelerates the development and deployment of research and innovations to grow California's economy and that can lead to the creation of high-quality jobs.
- 6) Requires research projects involving human subjects, to be eligible for funding, to be reviewed and approved by an institutional review board that meets specified requirements.
- 7) Permits the UC and CSU to submit construction and modernization proposals to the DOF for facilities that support research consistent with CFSHR priorities. Requires the DOF, upon approval, to allocate \$250 million to UC and \$750 million to CSU from the CHSHRIA Fund through the budget for this purpose.
- 8) Requires at least 10% of the money in the CFSHRIA Fund to be allocated consistent with the Advanced Research Projects Agency model that relies on collaboration between academic, industry, and government partners to pursue revolutionary breakthroughs focused on tangible, solutions-oriented aims. Restricts the finding to 1.5% of total bond funds to be allocated annually for this specific purpose.

- 9) Requires at least \$250 million and no more than 0.5% of total bond funds annually, to be used for commercialization of research by providing grants, loans, or contracts to entities focused on this purpose, with priority given to those that can demonstrate job growth or future manufacturing opportunities in California or can demonstrate additional funding mechanisms. Prohibits supporting manufacturing in foreign countries or foreign entities of concern.
- 10) Requires proceeds of intellectual property assets to be deposited into CFSHRIA Fund and requires all intellectual property assets developed using funds authorized for, or made available to, the CFSHR be treated pursuant to state and federal law.

CFSHR administration.

- 11) Requires the Governor to appoint the CFSHR director. Restricts the salary for the CFSHR director to the base salary of the UC Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs. Requires the CFSHR director and personnel to be responsible for implementing the strategic objectives of the CFSHR Council, administering the grants, loans, and contracts awarded by the CFSHR Council, and all other duties as deemed necessary.
- 12) Prohibits more than 3% of CFSHRIA Fund money from being used for administrative costs.
- 13) Requires CFSHR to recommend to the CFSHR Council, and requires the Council to adopt, standards to ensure that if a grantee, loan recipient, or contracted entity purchases goods or services using CFSHRIA funds, they are from California suppliers to the extent reasonably possible, in a good faith effort to achieve a goal of more than 50% of purchases from California suppliers.

CFSHR Council.

- 1) Establishes the CFSHR Council, vested with full power, authority, and jurisdiction over the CFSHR, including the authority to adopt regulations to:
 - a) Develop strategic objectives and research priorities, with a requirement to provide opportunity for public comment, and a requirement to consider how research priorities support areas critical to California's economy and capitalize on and connect regional research hubs;

- b) Actively participate in the overall management of CFSHR; and,
 - c) Determine which research projects will be funded based on the established research priorities and the technical merits of the proposals, as determined by scientific peer review panels.
 - d) Develop objectives and opportunities that offer support to early career researchers.
- 2) Requires the CFSHR Council to adopt regulations and standards to directly recoup or benefit from the investment by capturing a portion of the revenue from highly profitable inventions while not inhibiting the technology transfer process.
- 3) Requires the CFSHR Council to consist of members, not subject to Senate confirmation, as follows:
- a) Nine members, appointed by the Governor, including one graduate-level researcher and at least one postdoctoral scholar, with current or past research experience in specified fields, and one member with a background in research policy;
 - b) One member who is a health care provider appointed by the Senate Rules Committee;
 - c) One member who is a climate, environmental, or environmental health advocate appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;
 - d) One member who is the CEO of the California Council on Science and Technology or their designee;
 - e) One member designated by the President of the UC and one member designated by the Chancellor of the CSU, if the president and/or chancellor chooses to designate a representative, both of whom are required to be scientists or hold a background in science or research; and,
 - f) One member designated by the President of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, or the president's designee, who is required to be a scientist or hold a background in science or research.
- 4) Requires CFSHR Council members to serve four-year terms expiring June 30. Stipulates exceptions for graduate-level researchers and postdoctoral scholars. Requires the first terms for four of the appointments to be two-year terms.

- 5) Establishes the member with a background in research policy as the first chair of the CFSHR Council, serving as chair for two years. Requires each subsequent chair to be elected by the members of the council for a term of two years.
- 6) Requires the appointing authority, if a vacancy occurs within a term, to appoint a replacement member to serve the remainder of the term. Requires the appointing authority, when a term expires, to appoint a member to serve until the appointment of their successor or until a year has elapsed since the expiration of the term, whichever occurs first.
- 7) Requires CFSHR Council members to serve without compensation but permits reimbursement for travel and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of duties.
- 8) Specifies that a majority of the membership of the CFSHR Council (excluding recused or vacant seats) specifies a quorum for the transaction of any business, performance of any duty, or exercise of any power of the board. Requires a vote of a majority of the CFSHR Council members for the approval of funding of any research project or proposal presented for funding. Prohibits a grant or a loan from being approved if there are more than six vacancies on the CFSHR Council.
- 9) Requires the CFSHR Council, prior to the first grant, and no later than one year from the date of enactment, to develop provisions to facilitate goals of affordability and equitable access that include guidance on the following topics:
 - a) Access plans specifying strategies and timelines for promoting equitable access to the subject invention in California, the U.S., and low- and middle-income countries, addressing affordability, availability, acceptability, sustainability, and transparency.
 - b) Data management, preservation, and availability resulting from bond-funded research to the broader scientific community, excepting requests from foreign countries or entities of concern. Requires grantees, loan recipients, and contractors to provide free public access to any publication that results from the bond-funded research.
 - c) Provisions that may be triggered in the event of a declaration by the World Health Organization of a public health emergency of international concern related to a pathogen or disease for which the subject invention may be

expected to be relevant for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of the emergency, with access commitments designed to prioritize timely and equitable supply of the invention in low- and middle-income countries, taking into account global health needs and manufacturing capacity.

- d) Requirements for grantees, loan recipients, or contractors to grant a license in any field of use to a responsible applicant or applicants, if, after written notice, a reasonable opportunity to cure any deficiency, and an opportunity for a hearing:
 - i) The State of California determines that the grantee, loan recipient, or contractor licensee has not taken, or is not expected to take, steps to achieve practical application of the invention in that field of use; or,
 - ii) The State of California determines that such action is necessary to alleviate health and safety needs that the grantee, loan recipient, or contractor, or their licensee, is unlikely to satisfy.
- 10) Permits the CFSHR Council to establish one or more scientific peer review panels consisting of experts in specified fields for the purposes of reviewing and prioritizing proposals on the basis of the scientific merit of the proposal, potential benefits to the health and well-being of the population, natural resources, environment of the state, and the demonstrated background, training, and expertise, as appropriate for their career stage, of the researchers and investigators to conduct the proposed work.
- 11) Prohibits an expert on a scientific review panel from having a collaborative or commercial relationship with any applicant of a proposal for funding that the expert is reviewing and prioritizing.
- 12) Authorizes a Council member to participate in decisions regarding research into a disease from which the member or their immediate family suffers. Provides that employment or service with specified institutions or organizations is not inimical to the Council member's duties and provides that the Political Reform Act of 1974 does not apply to the council member if they recuse themselves from the decision to award or approve the grant or loan. Requires CFSHR Council members to disclose potential conflicts of interest.

- 13) Applies the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to all meetings of the CFSHR Council and any scientific peer review panels, except when discussing specified matters in closed sessions, including matters involving information relating to medical or scientific research subjects, confidential intellectual property, unpublished research products, personnel issues, and information believed to pose a security risk.

CFSHR annual reporting.

- 14) Requires CFSHR to issue an annual report that sets forth its activities, grants, loans, or contracts awarded or in progress, research accomplishments, and future program directions, as specified. Requires the report to be published on the CFSHR website.
- 15) Requires CFSHR to annually commission an independent financial audit of its activities from a certified public accounting firm, and provide that audit to the State Controller, who is required to review it annually and issue a public report. Requires the Controller to hold a public meeting with appropriate notice and a formal public comment period. Requires the Controller to evaluate public comments and include appropriate summaries in the annual report.

CFSHR bonds.

- 16) Permits \$7.5 billion in bonds to be issued and sold, not including the amount of any refunding bonds issued, as specified. Requires the bonds to be a valid and binding obligation of the State of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California is pledged for the punctual payment of both the principal of, and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest become due and payable.
- 17) Requires authorized bonds to be prepared, executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State General Obligation Bond Law, the provisions of which apply to the bonds and to this bill, as specified.
- 18) Requires the proceeds of bonds issued and sold to be deposited into the CFSHRIA Fund, and makes all money in the Fund continuously appropriated without respect to fiscal years for the purposes of this bill. Requires the Fund to be available for:
 - a) Grants, loans, and contracts to fund research and operate and maintain facilities for research under this bill; and,
 - b) Paying general administrative costs of CFSHR, not to exceed 3% of the CFSHRIA Fund amount.

- 19) Requires repayment of principal and interest on any loans made by CFHSR to be deposited into the CFSHRIA Fund and used to make additional grants and loans or for paying continuing costs of the annual administration of outstanding bonds.
- 20) Requires proceeds of interim debt and bonds to be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the CFSHRIA Fund, except to the extent that proceeds of the issuance of bonds are used directly to repay interim debt.

CFSHR Finance Committee.

- 21) Creates the CFSHR Finance Committee solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance and sale, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of the bonds and interim debt authorized by this bill. Requires the Finance Committee to consist of: the Treasurer; the Controller; the Director of Finance; the CFSHR Director; and, two members of the CFSHR Council, chosen by the Governor or their designated representatives. Requires the Treasurer to serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee.
- 22) Requires the Finance Committee, by resolution, to determine whether or not it is necessary or desirable to issue and sell bonds in order to carry out the actions specified in this bill and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold. Permits successive issues of bonds to be authorized and sold to carry out those actions progressively, and specifies that it is not necessary that all of the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time. Requires the Treasurer to issue and sell bonds in the amount determined by the Finance Committee to be necessary or desirable. Requires the bonds to be issued and sold upon the terms and conditions specified in a resolution adopted by the Finance Committee, as specified.

Revenue and principal/interest payments.

- 23) Requires a sum to be collected each year in an amount required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds becoming due each year, and in the same manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected, in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state. Makes it the duty of all officers charged by law with any duty in regard to the collection of the revenue to perform each and every act that is necessary to collect that additional sum.

- 24) Requires continuous appropriation from the GF, for the purposes of this bill and without regard to fiscal years, the sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and interest on, bonds issued and sold, as the principal and interest become due and payable.
- 25) Permits the Director of Finance to authorize the withdrawal from the GF of an amount, not to exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that have been authorized by the Finance Committee, to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this bill, excluding any refunding bonds authorized and any amount withdrawn from the GF pursuant to this section and not yet returned. Requires any amount withdrawn to be deposited into the CFSHRIA Fund. Requires moneys made available to be returned to the GF, with interest at the rate earned by the moneys in the Pooled Money Investment Account, from proceeds received from the sale of bonds.
- 26) Requires money in the CFSHRIA Fund derived from premium and accrued interest on bonds sold to be reserved and available for transfer to the GF as a credit to expenditures for bond interest. Permits those amounts derived from premium to be reserved and used to pay the cost of bond issuance before any transfer to the GF.

Miscellaneous.

- 27) Permits bonds issued and sold to be refunded in accordance with the State General Obligation Bond Law. States that approval by the voters of the state for the issuance of the bonds includes the approval of the issuance of any bonds issued to refund any bonds originally issued or any previously issued refunding bonds. Permits any bond refunded with the proceeds of refunding bonds to be legally defeased to the extent permitted by law in the manner and to the extent set forth in the resolution, as amended from time to time, authorizing that refunded bond.
- 28) Permits the Treasurer, if they sell bonds that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes, under designated conditions, or is otherwise entitled to any federal tax advantage, to maintain separate accounts for the investment of bond proceeds and for the investment of earnings on those proceeds. Permits the Treasurer to use or direct the use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or other payment required under federal law or to take any other action with respect to the investment and use of bond proceeds or earnings

required or desirable under federal law to maintain the tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other advantage under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.

- 29) Requires this bill to be submitted to the voters at the March 7, 2028 statewide primary election, to take effect upon approval voter approval. Exempts this bill from the requirement that a measure submitted to the people by the Legislature appear on the ballot of the first statewide election occurring at least 131 days after the adoption of the proposal by the Legislature.
- 30) Makes the provisions of this bill severable.
- 31) Makes a legislative finding and declaration that this bill imposes a limitation on the public's right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies to protect the privacy rights and the intellectual property interests of individuals and the security of the public.
- 32) Contains an urgency clause that will make this bill effective upon enactment.

Comments

According to the author of this bill:

This bill will place on the March 2028 ballot a \$7.5 billion bond to fund health and science research. The bill will additionally establish CFSHR, require affordability and recoupment provisions, and devote resources to a Cal-ARPA approach and commercialization efforts. Over the past year we have seen an incredible politicization of what was once considered bipartisan and vital research. With the federal government cutting billions of dollars to scientific research, California is placed in a dire situation. As the state that receives the most federal research dollars and a global leader in research and technology, the cuts risk California's health and economic wellbeing. Scientific research and innovation have driven California's economic success for decades. The breakthroughs produced by universities and scientific researchers have sparked new industries and powered the success of the state's biotech, medical, agricultural, and software industries from startups to global companies. For every dollar invested in National Institutes of Health (NIH) research there is a return of approximately \$2.50 in economic activity. Without this investment from the state, Californians and the world will lose out on critical, life-saving discoveries that will treat diseases, uplift public health, and address climate

change. For a healthy, prosperous future for all Californians, this bill is a critical step.

Background: Please see the Senate Health Committee analysis for background information.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

This bill was amended after the Assembly Appropriations Committee analysis to increase the bond amount to \$7.5 billion. According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee:

- 1) Assuming a 30-year maturity and an interest rate of 4.25% (the rate secured by the State Treasurer for a new bond at a recent sale), the total principal and interest costs to pay off the bonds would be approximately \$9 billion (\$5 billion in principal and \$4 billion in interest), with average annual debt service payments of around \$300 million (General Fund) when all bonds are sold.
- 2) Administrative costs: GovOps estimates costs between \$7.5 million to \$15 million to implement this measure. GovOps states this bill requires a new function that GovOps has never done. GovOps estimates it would need between 15 and 23 staff of various classifications and significant funding for operating expenses and equipment to begin implementing the provisions of this bill. GovOps staff would need to support the Foundation and the Council, manage grants and loans made pursuant to this measure, issue reports, conduct bond compliance activities, bond accounting activities, develop the Foundation's strategic research and financial plans, and handle complex legal issues regarding intellectual property, patents, etc. GovOps would likely need a General Fund loan to establish the Foundation and the Council, and to hire staff prior to the issuance of bonds. The General Fund could be paid back from bond proceeds in the future.
- 3) Ballot costs: The Secretary of State (SOS) estimates this bill will require approximately 12 to 15 additional pages in the State Voter Information Guide and Text of Proposed Laws. Based on current printing rates of \$123,359 per page, SOS estimates the cost to add the Bond Act to the ballot between \$1.48 million and \$1.85 million in fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 (General Fund).

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/30/26)

United Auto Workers Region 6 (co-source)

Union of American Physicians and Dentists (co-source)

University of California (co-source)
Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis
350 Bay Area Action
Access Reproductive Justice
Alameda Labor Council
ALS Association
ALS Network
American Academy of Neurology
American College of Physicians - California Chapter
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
American Parkinson Disease Association
Association of California Caregiver Resource Centers
Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities
Association of Northern California Oncologists
Berkeley Faculty Association
Blood Cancer United
California Academy of Preventive Medicine
California Academy of Sciences
California Association of Professional Scientists, UAW Local 1115
California Chronic Care Coalition
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Environmental Voters
California Faculty Association
California Federation of Labor Unions
California Institute of Technology
California Nurses Association
California Physicians Alliance
California Psychological Association
California State University
Chamber San Mateo County
Children's Specialty Care Coalition
City of Eureka
CleanEarth4Kids.org
Council of University of California Faculty Associations
County of San Diego
Courage California
Culver City Democratic Club
Equality California
Greater Fresno Parkinson's Support Group
Humane World for Animals

Indivisible CA: StateStrong
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement
Workers of America
Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center
Medical Oncology Association of Southern California
Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
Natera, Inc.
National Union of Healthcare Workers
Northeastern University
Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce
Parkinson Network of Mt. Diablo
Parkinson's Association of Northern California
Parkinson's Association of San Diego
Parkinson's Community Los Angeles
Parkinson's Foundation
Parkinson's Resource Organization
Point Blue Conservation Science
Public Health Institute
San Diego Faculty Association
San Diego Natural History Museum
San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco Marin Medical Society
San Mateo County Economic Development Association
Santa Monica Democratic Club
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Solano County Democratic Central Committee
Stanford University
Teamsters California
The Children's Partnership
U.S. Pain Foundation
The Climate Center
United Auto Workers Local 230
United Auto Workers Local 509
United Auto Workers Local 872
United Auto Workers Local 1115
United Auto Workers Local 4123
United Auto Workers Local 4811
Universities Allied for Essential Medicines
University of California Irvine Faculty Association

University of California Los Angeles Faculty Association
University of California Los Angeles Graduate Students Association
University of California Graduate and Professional Council
University of California Riverside Faculty Association
University of California San Francisco Faculty Association
University of California Student Association
Western Center on Law & Poverty
Seven individuals

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/30/26)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: The United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 6, UAW Local 4811, and the Union of American Physicians and Dentists, co-sponsors of the bill, call for action to counteract federal cuts and suspensions to NIH grants, and state that the CFSHR will safeguard California's role as a global leader in innovation, boost tax revenue, drive middle class job growth, and provide hope and healing to millions of Californians facing deadly and debilitating diseases. The University of California, another co-sponsor, asserts that they currently receive \$5.7 billion annually in federal support for research, and that a sustained loss in federal funding would cause enormous harm to the institution and their students, causing tens of thousands of jobs lost and an exodus of research talent from the state. Other supporters, including groups representing business, labor, patients, physicians, and academics echo that this bill preserves and strengthens California's global leadership position in science, innovation, and public health, creates hundreds of thousands of high-wage jobs, and ensures that lifesaving and economically vital scientific research continues in the state, even if the federal government cuts or withholds federal funds. University student associations highlight the role of graduate students in driving academic research and the importance of this bill for the scientific and healthcare workforce pipeline in an uncertain federal funding environment. These groups emphasize that reliable funding is important for timely degree completion, access to laboratory resources, and the hands-on experience required for careers in science, medicine, and engineering.

Support if amended. The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration writes that amending all references of Alzheimer's disease to "Alzheimer's and other dementias" would better reflect the full scope of dementias affecting Californians,

strengthening the bill's public health impact by addressing an often-overshadowed need.

Beyond an amendment to include academic medical centers as eligible recipients of CFSHR funding, which was included in recent amendments, Cedars-Sinai requests that the bill include dedicated representation for academic medical centers on the CFSHR Council, ensuring that health system and patient-care perspectives inform funding priorities and decision-making.

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