

SSC Comment: Testimony was taken on SB 808 on April 26 in the Senate Education Committee, but no vote was taken. The author plans to continue to work on the bill, but not bring it up for a vote in 2017. The bill is co-sponsored by CTA and CFT and opposed by California Charter Schools Association, EdVoice, and numerous charter schools.



SB 765 (Wiener)

Amended: 5/3/2017

Title: School Facilities: Surplus Real Property: Charter Schools

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Recommended Position: Board Discussion

Summary:

This bill would require the governing board of a school district seeking to sell or lease real property designed to provide direct instruction or instructional support that the governing board deems to be surplus property to first provide a written offer to sell or lease that property to any charter school that has submitted a written request to the school district to be notified of surplus real property offered by the school district for sale or lease.

Existing law, the Teacher Housing Act of 2016, authorizes a school district to establish and implement programs that address the housing needs of teachers and school district employees who face challenges in securing affordable housing.

This bill would exempt from the requirement to first provide a written offer to the above-specified charter schools the governing board of a school district seeking to sell or lease surplus property intended to be used in accordance with the Teacher Housing Act of 2016.

SSC Comment: Similar requirements were made through State Budget trailer bills, but expired on July 1, 2016. Districts generally did not favor this provision as the selling price would be below market value, and few districts declared property as surplus during this time.

We would recommend the Board have further discussion regarding a position on Senate Bill 765.