

SSC Comment: This is a controversial topic, and prior attempts at changing the length of tenure have been opposed by the California Teachers Association. A support position could be in line with the District's priority to support new teachers during the critically important first few years in the classroom and tenure policies that promote continuous improvement in teaching practices.

The bill is sponsored by Educators for Excellence and Teach Plus and supported by the Association of California School Administrators.

SB 807 (Stem)

Amended: 5/3/2017

Title: Personal Income Taxes: Credit: Exclusion: Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2017

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Recommended Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would provide a tax credit for beginning teachers to offset the cost of clearing their credentials for up to 50% of the cost to do so and would provide a tax exemption to specific teachers, of up to 50% of their taxable income, if they teach in high-poverty schools.

Senate Bill (SB) 807 also clarifies intent that there be no effect on the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee from enactment of the measure to ensure this investment in addressing the teacher shortage does not affect regular funding provided by the state to support K-12 schools and community colleges.

SSC Comment: SB 807 is sponsored by EdVoice. We believe this bill is consistent with the District's priority to support the recruitment and development of a talented workforce trained to meet the needs of California's increasingly diverse student body and to support new teachers during the critically important first few years in the classroom.

Miscellaneous



AB 1506 (Bloom)

Title: Residential Rent Control: Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act

Status: Two-Year Bill

Recommended Position: No Position at this Time

Summary:

The Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act prescribes statewide limits on the application of local rent control with regard to certain properties. This bill would repeal that act.

SSC Comment: While this topic does not directly affect education, and therefore is deserving of Board discussion regarding concentration of legislative efforts, a support position could potentially align with the District's priority to explore affordable housing options for its employees.

The author recently announced that the bill will not be pursued this year.