



May 17, 2022

The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 5650
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2573 (McCarty) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Holden:

On behalf of the California Council for Adult Education (CCAE) and California Adult Education Administrators Association (CAEAA), we are pleased to support AB 2573 (McCarty) related to permanent status for teachers.

Adult education is a public education program offering free to low-cost classes for adults 18 and older. Students can gain high school equivalency, learn to read, write and speak English, develop the skills to become a U.S. citizen, and obtain short term career training.

AB 2573 would alter which credentialed employees can attain permanent employee status and makes changes to code sections that differentiate employment practices for school districts with fewer than 250 students in average daily attendance (ADA) and any employee who was in their probationary period prior to the 1983-84 fiscal year.

Adult education programs at K-12 schools offer pre collegiate education to adults, most commonly through basic skills and English as a second language courses. Funding for adult education programming is earmarked in the state budget at about \$500 million Proposition 98 GF annually. However, K-12 schools offering adult education and community colleges offering adult education must coordinate services and their use of the funds to offer adult education to their communities through regional consortia. The state has 71 adult education regional consortia. ROC/Ps offer career technical education programs, typically to high school students, either at a standalone center (an ROC) or on a high school campus (an ROP). Funding for ROC/Ps was provided as an entitlement to high schools in the state's annual budget prior to the education funding reforms of 2013. In recent years, the state has funded two career technical education grants for high school and community college students: The Career Technical Education Incentive Grant provides \$150 million Proposition 98 GF annually to grades 7 through 12 for career technical education programming and the Strong Workforce Program provides \$248 million Proposition 98 GF annually to community colleges and high schools to work collaboratively on regional career technical education programming. ROC/P programs have access to these grants. Teachers at both K-12 adult education programs and ROC/P programs do not currently have a pathway to permanent employment.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 2573 (McCarty) and the more definitive pathway to permanency adult education teachers would be afforded under the bill. If you have any questions regarding CCAE and CAEAA's support for AB 2573, please contact Dawn Koepke with McHugh, Koepke & Associates at (916) 606-5309 or dkoepke@mchughgr.com. Thank you!

Sincerely,



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