



California  
Community  
Colleges

**ELOY ORTIZ OAKLEY**  
Chancellor

September 12, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3101 (Carrillo) Community colleges: CCCApply  
**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Community Colleges, I respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 3101 by Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo. AB 3101 requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) to ease the process of student application to community college by revising the online application (CCCApply) and limiting questions to information mandated by federal and state law or determined by the Chancellor's Office as necessary to collect. This bill also exempts students enrolling in non-credit classes from residency determination requirements, as non-credit students do not pay fees and residency determination is unnecessary at the time of application.

Data shows that nearly five percent of CCCApply submissions are incomplete and, at some colleges, as many as 11 percent of applications are abandoned before completion. Among English-learners, who are often seeking only non-credit courses to improve English proficiency and job preparedness, the rates of abandonment are highest. In response to this situation, the Chancellor's Office secured a grant from College Futures Foundation to support an extensive, student-friendly redesign of CCCApply and other student-facing technology tools. AB 3101 aligns to the Chancellor's Office existing redesign efforts and establishes authority to exclude students pursuing non-credit courses from lengthy and complex questions regarding residency determinations.

I thank you for considering AB 3101 and urge your signature on this important measure. If you have any questions regarding my position on this bill, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Metune, Vice Chancellor of Governmental and External Relations at (916) 323-5951.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ELOY ORTIZ OAKLEY'.

Eloy Ortiz Oakley  
Chancellor