**AB 1743 (O’DONNELL, BURKE, CHAVEZ, CUNNINGHAM, MCCARTY, QUIRK-SILVA, THURMOND)**

**CALIFORNIA CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

**POSITION:** The Chamber’s Education & Workforce Roundtable voted to SUPPORT this bill on May 1, 2018. The Chamber’s Public Policy Committee voted to SUPPORT this bill on May 8, 2018.

**STATUS:** The bill was referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 4/18/18

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**SUMMARY**

AB 1743 extends the existing high school Career Technical Education (CTE) Incentive Grant past its fiscal year 2017-18 and increases funding for the grant. It also increases funding for administration and technical assistance and adds several new requirements, including data reporting and ongoing program evaluation.

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**INDUSTRIES IMPACTED**

California High Schools

**SUPPORTERS**

AVID Center California
Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce
California Business Education Association
California Farm Bureau Federation
California State PTA
Orange County Business Council
Project Lead the Way
United Ways California

**OPPONENTS**

None on file

**ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR**

- Research shows students in high-quality CTE programs academically outperform their non-CTE peers

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**ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION**

- None Received

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**MORE INFORMATION**

Career Tech points to benefit’s to California’s economy through CTE programs in K-12 schools

- Middle-skill jobs account for 50% of California’s labor market, but only 40% of workers in the state possess the required skills, leading to a skills gap, which CTE can address.

- If California increased the number of individuals with certificates or associate degrees by 10 percentage points, the state would have: an increase in median per capita income by $1,462; 67,000 fewer individuals unemployed; and 267,000 fewer individuals living in poverty.