

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

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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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

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

- None Received

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.