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# BARRIERS



- **Problem:** Lack of accessibility
- Policy speed
- Holistic data
- Time, political will, resource allocation

# Background



- **Assembly Bill 2821 Disabled Students in Higher Education**
- **Supporters:** CA Disability Rights, UC Student Association, Cal State Student Association, CA Foundation for Independent living
- **What:** Requires CCC and CSU, requested the UC
- **Funding:** Prop 38
- **Bill Author:** Assemblymember Timothy Grayson, District 9, Antioch
  - **Values:** accessible and affordable higher education in CA

## AB 2821: Postsecondary education: students with disabilities.

**The state of accommodations for disabled  
students in postsecondary education is  
inadequate to meet their academic and social  
potential.**

Disabled Student Programs and  
Services (DSPS) provided  
support services and educational  
accommodations to 118,257  
students during the 2019-20 AY  
and 93,877 students during the  
2020-21 AY

Accessibility resources  
offices are understaffed.  
Faculty and staff lack the  
tools to accommodate  
students.

**This bill requires existing + onboarding  
staff and faculty to be trained in disability  
access and compliance.**

Disability training and education will lead to  
an a greater understanding of disability + an  
increase in retention and completion.

**Training ➡ Accessibility ➡ Equity**

