Overview of California’s Higher Education System

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Hon. Das Williams, Chair
The California Master Plan

☑ Original 1960 Master Plan Lays Out Basic State Policies on Postsecondary Education
  - Assigns missions to the different higher education segments.
  - Specifies which students are eligible to attend each segment.
  - Expresses other broad goals for higher education including affordability, quality, and accountability.

☑ Some Master Plan Principles Exist in Statute; Some Do Not

☑ Master Plan Is More Than Any One Document
  - Can be thought of as a collection of major higher education policy goals embraced by the state rather than a single written document.
Master Plan Reviews

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2010 Report Echoes Previous Findings

☑ Set Public Policy Goals, Measure Related Outcomes, and Monitor Progress

☑ Maintain Access and Hold All Segments Accountable for Results

☑ Improve Preparation for College and Career

☑ Promote Coordination Across Segments and Facilitate Transfer

☑ Promote Affordability While Recognizing That Paying for Higher Education Is a Shared Responsibility
Master Plan at 50: LAO Recommendations

☑ Articulate State Higher Education Priorities, Develop Performance Measures, and Use Results to Inform Decisions

☑ Ensure Availability of Data

☑ Step Up Legislative Oversight, Including Approval for New Schools, Programs, and Facilities

☑ Establish an Independent Oversight Body

☑ Amend Master Plan Explicitly to Assign the California State University (CSU) a Regional Role in Education System

☑ Use Distance Education to Increase Access and Achieve Greater Efficiency
Recent Funding History

State Share of Higher Education Spending Has Declined

Per-Student Education and Student Services Spending by Source of Funds

☑ Total Educational Spending Per Student at the University of California and CSU Relatively Flat From 2007-08 to 2011-12 but State Share Declined

☑ Year-to-Year Comparisons Complicated by Several Factors Including Inflation, Changes in Pension Costs