Establishes a California Center for Climate Change Education in the Los Angeles Community College District at West Los Angeles College.

Serves as a resource for other community colleges to learn about and implement climate change education.

Focuses on building career and certificate pathways and opportunities, expanding green and clean opportunities, partnering to support workforce training, and developing an urban climate change sustainability conference.

**COALITION**

James Limbaugh, the President of West Los Angeles Community College, was interested in combining Career Technical Education, workforce development, and climate education. He was inspired to create the Center to support a green and blue economy and advocate for statewide climate change education for community colleges.

**FUNDING**

Appropriates $5 million from the General Fund over five years to develop and operate the Center. The money can be used to create climate change curricula for community colleges, hire staff, or establish climate educational and career opportunities. $1.3 million was also appropriated for workforce development from a federal earmark.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

The Center will be working with community partners and advocacy organizations to promote climate change education at California Community Colleges and establish opportunities for students to engage in hands-on internships and other learning opportunities.

**IMPACT**

The Center will be the first of its kind and serve as a resource for other community colleges interested in climate education. The Center will promote workforce development in green and blue industries, and engage with local and regional entities. Additionally, the Center will educate students most vulnerable to climate change impacts.

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Link to find more information