

Two primary funding problems are: (1) the inadequacy of the state's \$465 per capita to fund the program, and (2) the California Department of Rehabilitation's decision to stop provision of auxiliary aids to disabled students as of July 1, 1981.

Systemwide Administration has been working on both these issues and recognizes the inadequacy of funding levels. Systemwide would prefer an actual-cost system rather than a per capita (as would the directors of UC disabled student programs), but legislators at the state budget hearings did not feel the systemwide administration showed a strong enough cause for actual cost funding. For 1981-82, we will continue to receive \$465 per student per year.

The most severe financial problem is the withdrawal of the Department of Rehabilitation on July 1, 1981 of all auxiliary aids to disabled students. DR is predicating its withdrawal of services on the fact that Section 504 of the Rehab Act says these services are the responsibility of the educational institutions. Because Systemwide has accepted this position, the issue is not just financial, but also a 504 civil rights question of equal educational access.

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