

Talking Points in Support of SB 619

- Flight training is a uniquely diverse industry in both operating environment and business structure.
- The flight training industry was not invited to participate in the debate over the laws that for the first time regulated the industry. As a result, the statutes and regulations do not recognize the diverse nature of flight training and threaten to force hundreds of flight training facilities to close their doors permanently.
- SB 619 provides a solution by exempting the vast number of flight training facilities that **do not** require students to pay upfront fees or “tuition”.
 - Facilities that charge upfront tuition or require students to sign a contract that creates a state of indebtedness to the facility for the student will still be subject to the regulations issued by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education.
- The facilities that will be provided an exemption pose no financial threat to students since the students pay for their training on a per lesson basis and are free to end training or switch to another training facility at any time. Additionally, a student ending his or her training or switching training facilities will retain credit for all previously completed training by way of his or her pilot’s logbook.
- All flight training facilities will still be subject to extensive FAA qualitative regulation through 14 CFR Part 61 or 14 CFR Part 141.
 - The FAA will always remain the final authority in the issuance of pilots’ licenses.
- Without SB 619, hundreds of flight training facilities that pose no financial threat to students will be forced to layoff their employees and close their businesses. Hundreds of other businesses that provide support to those facilities through fuel sales or aircraft maintenance will see their customer base reduced just as our country begins to recover from its economic recession.