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## CS NEWSFLASH:

### CCDS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE FACILITIES USAGE FEES

With [recent amendments](#) to the Civic Center Act, and [regulations](#) by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office ("CCCCO"), Community College Districts ("CCDs") can now recoup more of the costs associated with renting out college facilities and grounds. CCDs are now able to include maintenance and repair costs as part of the facilities usage fees charged to non-District entities. Previously, only operational costs such as supplies, utilities, and staffing were considered to be "direct costs," permissible to be recovered via facilities usage fees. These direct costs have been expanded to include the wear and tear of non-classroom facilities rented out for community use.

Specifically, this amendment allows CCDs to impose fees that include the costs associated with **maintaining, repairing, restoring, and refurbishing** facilities and grounds used by the public. This means that CCDs can ensure that non-District entities pay their fair share of the total upkeep cost of such facilities. With these new regulations, CCDs will need to calculate new usage fees to include these new expanded direct costs. In addition, the CCCCCO recently established [guidelines](#) for CCDs to follow when calculating and establishing a fee schedule. This includes estimating hours of use, life expectancy of facilities, and expected costs. If you need help with these estimates and calculations, Dolinka Group can assist you with updating your facilities usage fees.

If you have any questions regarding the new legislation, please do not hesitate to contact us at 949.250.8320 or [info@coopstrategies.com](mailto:info@coopstrategies.com).

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