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This year, the states of the West – like the rest of the country – are feeling the combined effects of the current economic showdown and the fallout from Sept. 11. Many states are facing big-time financial difficulties. At least 36 states have implemented or are considering budget cuts or holdbacks to address fiscal problems. Funding for higher education is at risk at a time when enrollments are up in many of our states – and when financial aid is more important than ever, if we’re to meet our goal of guaranteeing higher ed access to all of our students. Other issues of note: anticipated changes to the political landscape with the November elections.

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