

STEM Solutions Update: UC Berkeley's Eric Lee

UC Berkeley graduate student Eric Lee won the 2018-19 UCCS STEM Solutions Award on the basis of his proposal for legislation to improve labeling of probiotics. Mr. Lee (now Dr. Lee, following successful completion of his dissertation), writes:

Ultimately, the bill made it through the Assembly Health Committee, Assembly Floor Vote, and Senate Health Committee before it was flagged for the suspense file, where it then died. Along the way, I worked closely with one of Assemblymember Quirk's CCST fellows to help write supplementary documents for the bill and testified as an expert witness in both Health Committee hearings. Throughout the process, both Democrats and Republicans were surprisingly supportive of the bill, so the Assemblymember is considering trying again next cycle. I'm hoping to stay in touch with him about that.

Congratulations, Dr. Lee, for applying your scientific knowledge in the interest of better public policy, and for working closely with elected representatives to improve probiotic safety for all Californians!

