



Western Center on Law and Poverty Human Services Budget Bulletin

Senate and Assembly Budget Conference Committees Make Dangerous Cuts Budget Trailer Bills Head to the Floors

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Yesterday, the Assembly and Senate Budget Conference Committee voted to make even deeper cuts to health and human services and fully eliminate redevelopment, including the 20% preserved for low-income housing. Below we show human services cuts the Governor proposed, action taken in each budget committee and the final conference committee action.

Next week, the full Senate and Assembly will go to the respective floors for full floor votes.

Summary

The Conference Committee voted to increase CalWORKs cuts by \$120 Million in addition to the \$1.2 billion cut by the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees made last week, thus eliminating over 50% of the General Fund support for CalWORKs. The budget scales back welfare to work, cuts grants by 8% to the average family and reduces the earned income disregard. They also voted to cut SSI/SSP grants by \$15 for low-income disabled and elderly individuals. While they opposed the full family sanction for child-only and safety-net grants, proposed by the Governor, the Conference Committee voted to significantly reduce the grants of those children.

Area	Governor's Proposal	Assembly Committee Action	Senate Committee Action	Conference Committee Action
CalWORKs	Reduce Single Allocation for child care, welfare-to-work and administration costs by \$376 M	Adopted adding another million for a total of \$476 million in cuts.	Adopted adding another million for a total of \$476 million in cuts.	Adopted but reduced for a total of \$427 million in cuts.
CalWORKs	End statutory exemptions for parents of young children enacted in 2009-10 (ABx4_4)	Rejected. Voted to extend exemptions for parents of young children	Rejected. Voted to extend exemptions for parents of young children	Rejected. Voted to extend exemptions for parents of young children up to 35 months of age.
CalWORKs	Cut maximum grants cuts by 13 % effective 6/01/2011	Adopted instead, cut maximum grants by 5 % effective 6/01/2011	Adopted instead, cut maximum grants by 5 % effective 6/01/2011	Adopted and increased now cutting grants by 8 % effective 6/01/2011

CalWORKs	Reduce the time-limit retroactively for adults to receive assistance to 48-months as of 06/01/2011	Adopted However, all existing exemptions & extensions retained	Adopted However, all existing exemptions & extensions retained	Adopted However, all existing exemptions & extensions retained
CalWORKs	Apply a 48-month time limit to safety net and child-only cases.	Rejected	Rejected	Rejected, but passed approximately \$100 Million in <u>additional</u> grant cuts for these cases.
CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care	Eliminate subsidized child care to 11 and 12 year old children of CalWORKs recipients attending school and/or work	Adopted savings package of up to \$69 M for Stage 1 Child Care, to be decided by committee	Adopted savings package of up to \$69 M for Stage 1 Child Care, to be decided by committee	Adopted savings package of up to \$69 M for Stage 1 Child Care, details of package were released. See attached.
CalWORKs	Repeal reforms enacted by ABx4_8 as part of 09-10 budget	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted
SSI / SSP	Cut State Supplemental Payment for SSI recipients to the federal minimum, resulting in 8,000 people losing aid and others getting a \$15/month cut.	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted
CalWORKs	No Proposal from Administration	Adopted LAO's proposal to eliminate \$225 earned income disregard effective 6/01/2011	Adopted LAO's proposal to eliminate \$225 earned income disregard effective 6/01/2011	Adopted but amended so that rather than eliminating the entire disregard, \$100 of first earned income and 50% of other relevant earnings would be disregarded.
CalWORKs Subsidized Employment	No Proposal from Administration	Cost Neutral Expansion of AB 98 subsidized employment	Cost Neutral Expansion of AB 98 subsidized employment	Cost Neutral Expansion of AB 98 subsidized employment
Health & Human Svcs. Automation Systems	No Proposal from Administration	Adopted \$5 M in cuts for SAWS automation systems	Adopted \$5 M in cuts for SAWS automation systems	Adopted \$5 M in cuts for SAWS automation systems

CalLearn	No Proposal from Administration	Adopted LAO Proposal to reduce by \$20 M - a 40% cut - in unspecified program reductions	Adopted LAO Proposal to reduce by \$20 M - a 40% cut - in unspecified program reductions	Adopted but increased cuts an additional \$45 Million resulting in full elimination of the program.
Eliminate Community Challenge grants	No Proposal from Administration	No Proposal from Senate	No Proposal from Senate	Adopted , eliminating \$20 Million for teen pregnancy prevention.

About Western Center on Law and Poverty

Western Center on Law and Poverty (WCLP) serves as a support center for California’s legal aid community and leads the way in large-scale impact litigation, administrative advocacy, budget advocacy and legislative advocacy in an effort to ensure that low-income Californians can easily access safe and affordable housing, adequate health care, and a broad spectrum of safety net services.

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