2024-25 Governor's Budget Overview



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- Legislature's "eyes and ears."
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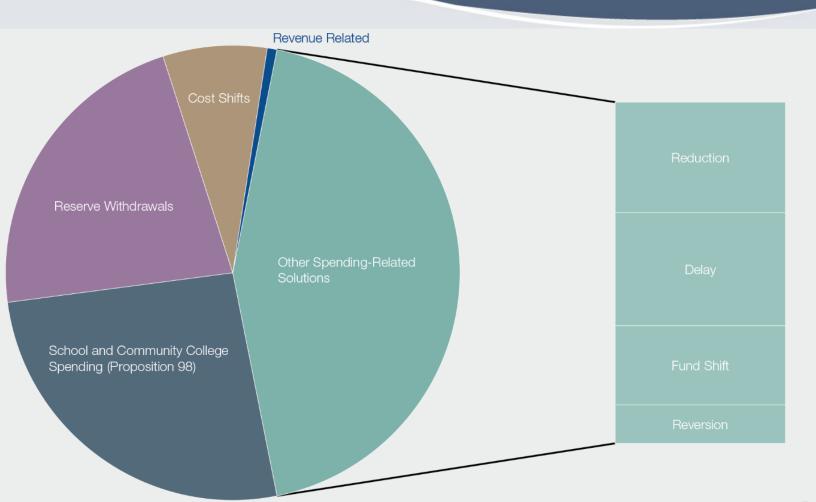
2024-25 Fiscal Year Current Landscape

State faces significant budget problem.

- > Why does the state face a budget problem?
- How prepared is the state to address the problem?
- > What is the budget outlook for future years?



How does Governor's Budget address the estimated budget problem?



2024-25 Governor's Budget: State General Fund Summary

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2024-25 Proposed Child Welfare Funding (Under DSS)

Includes Child Welfare Services, Foster Care, AAP, KinGAP, and ARC

(Dollars in millions)

	Total	Federal	State	County	Reim.
2024 Governor's Budget:			\frown		
2024-25 Proposal at GB	9,632	3,326	888	5,166	251
2023-24 Revised Budget at GB	9,479	3,234	954	5,034	256
2023-24 Allocation:					
2023-24 at 2023 Budget Act	9,754	3,312	1,061	5,124	256
Change from 2023-24 to 2024-25	450		(00)	400	(5)
(Governor's Budget figures)	153	93	(66)	132	(5)
Change from 2023-24 to 2024-25 (Allocation to Governor's Budget)	(122)	14	(173)	42	(5)
2023-24 change from Allocation to Governor's Budget	(274)	(79)	(107)	(90)	1
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2024-25 Key Changes: New Proposals

Dollars in millions

Item	Total Funds	General Fund
Proposed reduction: FURS	(31)	(30)
Proposed reduction: LA County public health nurse pilot	(8)	(8)
Proposed reduction: Housing supplement for SILPs	(1)	(1)
Proposed extension of expenditure authority: FFPSA Part I	-	-
Proposed delay: Bringing Families Home	-	-
Proposed augmentation: CCR Permanent Rates automation	12	12

2024-25 Key Changes: Augmentations Based on Current Law

Dollars in millions

Item	Total Funds	General Fund
CWS-CARES project increase	45	23
BH-CONNECT	17	13
Net changes in CCR costs	29	17



2024-25 Key Changes: Reductions Based on Current Law

Dollars in millions

Item	Total Funds	General Fund
Child welfare stabilization funding for Los Angeles County	(100)	(100)
Flexible funds to support home-based foster care placements	(50)	(50)
CWS-CARES and CalSAWS interface	(25)	(25)
COVID-19 temporary eFMAP	(25)	-
Foster Family Agencies one-time rate increase	(10)	(8)

CCR Permanent Rates

- As part of overall CCR implementation, interim Level of Care rates began implementing in 2017.
- Under statute, interim rates expire Dec. 31, 2024. Permanent rates structure must be in place by Jan. 1, 2025.
- > DSS has proposed initial framework.
 - Represents some significant changes to current interim rate structure.
 - Many details still unknown; we expect administration will propose TBL as part of this budget cycle.
 - Cost impact still unknown.
 - Implementation of new rates likely cannot begin until 2025-26 earliest.

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Thank you!

Questions?

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