

ACTION TAKEN**ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1
ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****ASSEMBLYMEMBER HOLLY MITCHELL, CHAIR****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012
1:30 P.M. - STATE CAPITOL ROOM 4202**

***Action on CalWORKs – Ayes: Mitchell, Chesbro, and Monning;
No: Mansoor; Absent: Jeffries***

1. Approve the following components of the Governor's proposal, as indicated: (a) On the Earned Income Disregard (EID), modify the policy change to return to the EID that was prior law before changes were made as part of the Budget Act of 2011 (allowing a family to retain the first \$225 of earnings and then 50 percent of all other relevant earnings); and (b) On the implementation of the WINS benefit, approve the Governor's proposal to provide for WINS for CalFresh recipients, beginning in 2013-14, with automation costs of \$2.5 million in 2012-13.

Any costs for the changes pursuant to the EID and WINS in 2012-13 will be paid for out of offsetting cuts to the program that will be decided when the final CalWORKs budget is closed out at the end of the process. The EID change reverts to the prior policy that rewarded work and the WPR impact of the WINS program has been estimated to be 8-10 percentage points.

2. Reject the Governor's proposal for structural alteration of the CalWORKs program and its attendant trailer bill proposal, and make conforming budget bill changes.
3. Defer any further specific program reductions until after the May Revision when the necessary level of savings will be based on up-to-date budget figures.