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Primary Care Workforce Training

Issue 1: Primary Care Workforce Training Funding

Governor proposed to eliminate annual expenditures of \$33.3 million General Fund for three years approved in the 2016 Budget Act for primary care residency slots and student loan repayments. The annual General Fund expenditures had been allocated to the following purposes: 1) \$18.7 million for existing primary care residency slots, 2) \$3.3 million for new primary care residency slots at existing residency programs, 3) \$5.7 million for Song-Brown Program primary care residency slots at teaching health centers, 4) \$3.3 million for newly accredited primary care residency programs, 5) \$333,000 for the State Loan Repayment Program, 6) \$2 million for OSHPD state operations costs for administering the Song-Brown Program.

Senate proposed to restore \$6 million General Fund over three years, beginning in 2017-18, for Song-Brown Program primary care residency slots at teaching health centers (\$5.7 million) and for the Student Loan Repayment Program (\$333,000).

Assembly proposed to restore the annual allocation of \$33.3 million General Fund for three years, beginning in 2017-18, for primary care residency slots and student loan repayments.

Conference issues are: 1) the amount of General Fund for primary care residency slots and student loan repayments that was proposed for elimination by the Governor and 2) which categories of expenditures will receive a General Fund allocation.

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California Medicaid Management Information System (CA-MMIS)

Issue 2: CA-MMIS Legacy Operations

Governor proposed to convert 21 positions from limited-term to permanent and approve expenditure authority of \$9.1 million (\$2.1 million General Fund and \$7 million federal funds) to continue performing ongoing systems and business operations for CA-MMIS, the claims processing system for Medi-Cal. This proposal requests to extend positions and expenditure authority approved in the 2016 Budget Act.

Senate approved the Governor’s proposal.

Assembly rejected the Governor’s proposal.

Conference issue is whether to fund the Governor’s proposed resources for CA-MMIS legacy operations.

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California Medicaid Management Information System (CA-MMIS)

Issue 3: CA-MMIS Modernization and Advantage Collections Application

Governor proposed to establish seven positions and approve expenditure authority of \$5.8 million (\$575,000 General Fund and \$5.2 million federal funds) to adopt a modular approach for replacing legacy CA-MMIS, the claims processing system for Medi-Cal. The proposal also includes provisional language allowing a General Fund augmentation up to \$2.5 million, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Department of Technology, to implement the Advantage Collections Application, a debt collection and recovery module intended to replace existing CA-MMIS functionality.

Senate approved the Governor’s proposal.

Assembly rejected the Governor’s proposal.

Conference issues are 1) whether to fund the Governor’s proposed resources for a modular approach to replacing CA-MMIS, and 2) whether to provide provisional authority to implement a debt collection and recovery module.

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Long-Term Care Transitions to Home- and Community-Based Settings

Issue 4: Home Upkeep Allowance Pilot Program

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved \$3 million General Fund and placeholder trailer bill for a two-year pilot program to increase the Home Upkeep Allowance, personal resources a Medi-Cal beneficiary with a share of cost residing in a long-term care facility may keep and use for housing transition costs when leaving the facility to return to a community-based home.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding and language to implement the Home Upkeep Allowance pilot program.

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Medi-Cal Aged and Disabled Program

Issue 5: Medi-Cal Aged and Disabled Program Eligibility to 138 Percent FPL

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved \$30 million General Fund and placeholder trailer bill language to expand eligibility for Medi-Cal’s Aged and Disabled Program from approximately 123 percent to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). This expansion would bring the program’s income eligibility requirements into alignment with the state’s Optional Expansion of Medi-Cal.

Conference issue is whether to fund and implement an expansion of eligibility for Medi-Cal’s Aged and Disabled Program.

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Suicide Prevention

Issue 6: Suicide Hotlines Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved expenditure authority of \$4.3 million from the Mental Health Services Act State Administration Fund to support operation of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a suicide prevention hotline, including the development of common crisis line metrics, best practices, and the provision of services in multiple languages.

Conference issue is whether to fund the suicide prevention hotlines and service improvement activities.

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Diabetes Prevention Program

Issue 7: Diabetes Prevention Program

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved \$38,000 General Fund in 2017-18, and \$5 million General Fund annually thereafter to provide Medi-Cal coverage for the Diabetes Prevention Program, an evidence-based intervention covered by Medicare and certified by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Conference issue is whether to provide Medi-Cal coverage for the Diabetes Prevention Program.

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Medically-Tailored Meals

Issue 8: Medically-Tailored Meals Pilot Program

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved \$2 million General Fund annually for three years and placeholder trailer bill language to implement a pilot program to make a cost-effective, medically-tailored, home-delivered meal intervention available to approximately 2,500 Medi-Cal beneficiaries with complex and high-cost health conditions.

Assembly had no proposal.

Conference issue is whether to fund and implement a medically-tailored meals pilot program.

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Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)

Issue 9: CCI – Cal MediConnect, Managed Long-Term Services and Supports, and PACE

Governor eliminated the Coordinated Care Initiative, consistent with a Department of Finance certification that it did not result in General Fund savings, but proposed trailer bill language to continue the duals demonstration project, continue the mandatory enrollment of individuals in managed care for long-term services and supports (MLTSS), except In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), while eliminating the maintenance-of-effort (MOE) and Statewide Authority for IHSS. The Governor’s January budget included \$626.2 million of General Fund savings in 2017-18 in the Department of Social Services’ budget from the elimination of the MOE. However, the May Revision includes General Fund and other support to mitigate county impacts of the MOE elimination.

Senate approved the Governor’s proposed trailer bill language.

Assembly approved the Governor’s proposed trailer bill language with an amendment allowing beneficiaries who must enroll in a Medi-Cal managed care plan to receive long-term services and supports to instead request to be assessed for eligibility for a Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and, if eligible, enroll in PACE.

Conference issue is whether to allow beneficiaries required to enroll in MLTSS to request to be assessed for, and enroll in, PACE.

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Graduate Medical Education

Issue 10: Graduate Medical Education Program for Designated Public Hospitals

Governor proposed \$1.2 billion (\$593.8 million federal funds and \$593.8 million reimbursements from local government entities) and trailer bill language to implement a graduate medical education (GME) program for the state’s 21 designated public hospitals (DPHs). Recent federal regulations and guidance allow the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to make new GME payments to DPHs and their affiliated government entities. DHCS intends to submit a State Plan Amendment to allow these entities to provide the non-federal share of GME payments to draw down additional federal matching funds.

Senate approved the Governor’s proposal and accompanying trailer bill language.

Assembly approved the Governor’s proposal and accompanying trailer bill language with an amendment that limits GME funding to DPHs that contract with all Medi-Cal managed care plans in the hospital’s service area.

Conference issue is whether to limit GME funding to DPHs that contract with all Medi-Cal managed care plans in the hospital’s service area.

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Newborn Hearing Screening Program

Issue 11: Newborn Hearing Screening Program Reporting System

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved placeholder trailer bill language to require the Newborn Hearing Screening Program (NHSP) to operate utilizing an online, web-based reporting system.

Conference issue is whether to require the Newborn Hearing Screening Program to operate utilizing an online, web-based reporting system.

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Proposition 56 Tobacco Tax Revenue Proposals

Issue 12: Proposition 56 Tobacco Tax Allocations for Medi-Cal Expenditures

Governor proposed to allocate \$1.3 billion of tobacco tax revenue authorized by Proposition 56 for expenditure growth in existing Medi-Cal programs since the 2016 Budget Act.

Senate rejected the Governor’s proposal and, instead approved the following investments (\$348.5 million in 2017-18):

- 1) High-Need Specialty Pool - \$150 million in 2017-18, growing to \$700 million in 2020-21
- 2) Dental Reimbursement Rates - \$130 million annually beginning in 2017-18
- 3) Family Planning Reimbursements - \$50 million annually beginning in 2017-18
- 4) Intermediate Care Facilities-Developmental Disabilities Rate Re-Base - \$14.5 million annually
- 5) AIDS Waiver Reimbursement - \$4 million annually
- 6) ¹Restoration of dental, optical, audiology, incontinence creams/washes, podiatry, and speech therapy beginning January 1, 2019 - \$52.9 million in 2017-18, \$105.8 million annually
- 7) Full-Scope Medi-Cal to 26 Regardless of Immigration Status (begin July 1, 2018) - \$63.1 million in 2018-19, \$85.8 million annually

Assembly rejected the Governor’s proposal and, instead approved the following investments (\$1 billion annually):

- 1) Incentive-Based Payments to Physicians - \$610 million
- 2) Incentive-Based Payments to Dentists - \$247.3 million
- 3) Family Planning Reimbursements - \$50 million
- 4) Intermediate Care Facilities-Developmental Disabilities Rate Re-Base - \$26.7 million
- 5) AIDS Waiver Reimbursement - \$2 million
- 6) Pediatric In-Home Health Rates - \$10 million
- 7) Durable Medical Equipment Protection From Rate Reduction – No cost
- 8) Full-Scope Medi-Cal Coverage to Age 26 Regardless of Immigration Status - \$54 million

Additional General Fund augmentation:

- 9) ¹Restoration of dental, optical, audiology, chiropractic, incontinence creams/washes, podiatry, and speech therapy - \$108.6 million

Conference issue is how to allocate Proposition 56 tobacco tax revenue in the Medi-Cal program, consistent with the intent of the initiative, and of the voters. *Please see attachment for a more detailed comparison between the Assembly and Senate proposals.*

¹The Senate’s action to restore optional benefits was part of its Proposition 56 proposal, while the Assembly’s action was approved as a separate issue.

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Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention

Issue 13: Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved \$5 million General Fund annually for state sexually transmitted disease (STD) prevention efforts by the Department of Public Health (DPH). This ongoing funding extends \$5 million approved for this purpose in the 2016 Budget Act on a one-time basis.

Conference issue is whether to continue support of the STD prevention program funding at its current levels.

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Parkinson's Disease Registry

Issue 14: Parkinson's Disease Registry Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved \$3.7 million General Fund for the operation of the Parkinson's Disease Registry and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to update the program's statutory authority. The Parkinson's Disease Registry was originally authorized by AB 2248 (Frommer), Chapter 945, Statutes of 2004, but was never funded in the state budget.

Conference issue is whether to approve funding and trailer bill language to implement the Parkinson's Disease Registry.

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Boys and Men of Color

Issue 15: Boys and Men of Color Programs

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved \$1.5 million General Fund and placeholder trailer bill language for a grant program, administered by the Office of Health Equity, for nonprofit organizations to support access to health care, trauma-informed care, healthy living, and health education to improve health outcomes for boys and men of color.

Conference issue is whether to fund and implement a grant program to improve health outcomes for boys and men of color.

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Valley Fever

Issue 16: Valley Fever Data Collection and Monitoring

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved \$6 million General Fund, available for expenditure for three years, and placeholder trailer bill language to require each county to report all cases of valley fever to the Department of Public Health (DPH) and to require DPH to establish an enhanced monitoring system for, and a public education program about, valley fever.

Conference issue is whether to fund and implement requirements for counties to report cases of valley fever and for DPH to establish enhanced valley fever monitoring and education programs.

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Sickle Cell Disease

Issue 17: Sickle Cell Disease Centers Funding

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved \$17 million General Fund in 2017-18 and placeholder trailer bill language to establish up to four sickle cell disease centers responsible for coordinating care of people with sickle cell disease and for providing training and outreach services for patients and health care professionals.

Conference issue is whether to fund and implement up to four sickle cell disease centers.

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Mental Health Services Act

Issue 18: Mental Health Services Act Fiscal Reversion

Governor had no proposal.

Senate approved placeholder trailer bill language governing the reversion of unspent county Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds for reallocation. The language enacts the following provisions to the extent they are not considered an amendment to the MHSA:

1. Hold counties harmless for reversions prior to 2017-18.
2. Extend the reversion period from three to five years for small counties.
3. Require DHCS, with stakeholder input, to develop procedures and guidance for counties to provide clarity regarding the amounts of MHSA funds subject to reversion.
4. Allow counties to revise annual revenue and expenditure reports.
5. Establish an MHSA Reversion Fund.

Assembly had no proposal.

Conference issue is whether to implement these provisions governing the reversion of MHSA funds from counties.

4560 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

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Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan

Issue 19: Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly approved expenditure authority of \$100,000 from the Mental Health Services Act State Administration Fund to support the development of a statewide suicide prevention strategic plan.

Conference issue is whether to fund the development of a statewide suicide prevention strategic plan.

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Aging Issues

Issue 20: Senior Nutrition Programs and Multi-Purpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Trailer Bill Language

Governor proposed no additional funding for Senior Nutrition programs.

Senate proposed an augmentation of \$4 million General Fund ongoing to Senior Nutrition programs.

Assembly proposed an augmentation of \$12.5 million General Fund ongoing to Senior Nutrition programs and adopted trailer bill language that declares the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Health Care Services and managed care health plans work in collaboration with MSSP providers to begin development of standards that create a model of care of an integrated, person-centered care management and care coordination model. There is no cost associated with the proposed trailer bill language.

Conference issues are an \$8.5 million General Fund difference in the augmentations for the Senior Nutrition programs, and whether or not to adopt the trailer bill language related to the MSSP.

4185 California Senior Legislature (CSL)

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California Senior Legislature

Issue 21: CSL Bridge Funding

Governor had no proposal for additional funding, but did provide for reappropriation authority for funds allocated in the 2016-17 budget.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly proposed \$375,000 General Fund (one-time) as bridge funding.

Conference issue is whether or not to provide funding that the CSL says will work with the Governor's budget reappropriated funds to allow them to stay afloat financially until revenue is raised through the soon-to-be newly named voluntary contribution fund.

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Low-Income Weatherization Program (LIWP)

Issue 22: LIWP Phase II Procurement Trailer Bill Language

Governor had no proposal.

Senate adopted placeholder trailer bill language to ensure that in any future procurement processes, CSD prioritizes existing ties to local communities for both regional administrators and providers, and other appropriate parameters to ensure a more transparent and inclusive process.

Assembly adopted placeholder trailer bill language regarding any future procurement for LIWP funds, imposing a requirement that eligible contractors must have a demonstrated history of service for three years, as of April 2017 or prior to the LIWP Phase II implementation, to the same geographic community or communities (e.g. county or counties) to which they are applying to serve in any way.

Conference issue is whether to require that contractors have a demonstrated history of working with local communities for three years or whether to prioritize local ties to communities but still consider other factors.

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Independent Living Centers (ILCs)

Issue 23: Restore Supplemental Funding for Three ILCs

Governor proposed to eliminate supplemental funding for three ILCs that had been approved in the 2016 Budget Act.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly proposed to reject the Governor’s proposal to eliminate funding, and to restore the \$705,000 General Fund ongoing to the three affected ILCs.

Conference issue is whether or not to restore the Governor’s cut to the three ILCs.

5180 Department of Social Services (DSS)

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SSI/SSP and CalWORKs

Issue 24: Reinstate SSI/SSP and CalWORKs Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs)

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly proposed to adopt placeholder trailer bill language to reinstate the statutory COLAs for the state portion of the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) grants and CalWORKs maximum aid payments, starting January 1, 2021. The first year costs of the COLAs is a combined \$100 million General Fund (\$45 million for six months of the SSP COLA and \$55 million for six months of the CalWORKs COLA).

Conference issue is whether or not to reinstate the statutory COLAs for SSI/SSP and CalWORKs at a combined projected cost of \$100 million General Fund for the 2020-21 fiscal year, beginning January 1, 2021.

5180 Department of Social Services (DSS)

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CalWORKs

Issue 25: Single Allocation Funding

Governor proposed to reduce the CalWORKs Single Allocation by \$245 million in 2017-18.

Senate proposed to provide a total of \$100 million General Fund in 2017-18 to augment the Single Allocation.

Assembly proposed to provide a total of \$140 million General Fund in 2017-18 to augment the Single Allocation.

Conference issue is how much General Fund assistance to provide counties in the face of reduced Single Allocation funding.

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CalWORKs

Issue 26: Home Visiting and Diaper Assistance

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly proposed to provide \$100 million General Fund ongoing for creating a CalWORKs Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program and for the creation of a Diaper Assistance Benefit in the CalWORKs benefit, starting April 1, 2018, at a cost of \$3.6 million General Fund in 2017-18, and \$13 million on going, with placeholder trailer bill language for each.

Conference issue is whether or not to provide \$100 million General Fund ongoing for both a Home Visiting Program and a Diaper Assistance Benefit.

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CalWORKs

Issue 27: Educational Incentive Grants

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly proposed to provide \$13 million General Fund as a placeholder amount that could fund educational grants and stipends for qualified individuals, as well as additional funding for Community Colleges CalWORKs program services, and placeholder trailer bill language related to this action.

Conference issue is whether or not to provide \$13 million General Fund for CalWORKs educational incentive grants.

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CalFresh

Issue 28: CalFood Funding the Center for CalFresh Employment and Training Excellence

Governor proposed \$2 million General Fund (one-time) in 2017-18 for CalFood emergency food assistance, and had no proposal related to the Center for CalFresh Employment and Training Excellence.

Senate proposed \$6 million General Fund on going for CalFood, in addition to the \$2 million General Fund in 2017-18, and had no proposal related to the Center for CalFresh Employment and Training Excellence.

Assembly proposed \$17.5 million General Fund ongoing for CalFood, less the \$2 million General Fund in 2017-18, and also proposed \$2.1 million General Fund (one-time) and assumes a 50/50 federal match for the creation of a CalFresh Employment and Training Excellence (CFET) Center to help counties and service providers implement effective practices in workforce development, with placeholder trailer bill language.

Conference issues are 1) what amount of General Fund to provide to CalFood and on what basis (one-time or ongoing), and 2) whether or not to provide funding and approve placeholder trailer bill language for the Center for CalFresh Employment and Training Excellence.

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CalFresh

Issue 29: Protecting Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs)

Governor had no proposal.

Senate adopted placeholder trailer bill language aimed at protecting ABAWDs from an expiring federal waiver in September 2018, that: 1) authorizes self-initiated volunteer work to be performed in order to qualify for the ABAWDs exemption to the maximum extent permitted by federal law; and 2) requires the state to maximize federal exemptions to the ABAWD limit for homeless Californians.

Assembly adopted placeholder trailer bill language aimed at protecting ABAWDs from an expiring federal waiver that: 1) removes the ability of a county with high unemployment to opt out of provisions allowing it to continue providing benefits as under the current statewide waiver; 2) authorizes self-initiated volunteer work to be performed in order to qualify for the ABAWDs exemption to the maximum extent permitted by federal law; and 3) requires the state to maximize federal exemptions to the ABAWD limit for homeless Californians.

Conference issue is whether or not to include the county opt-out language in the trailer bill related to protecting ABAWDs.

5180 Department of Social Services (DSS)

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Adult Protective Services

Issue 30: Home Safe Program

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly provided \$10 million General Fund ongoing and adopted placeholder trailer bill language to implement the new Home Safe Program in Adult Protective Services to provide housing-related assistance and supports to seniors to avoid and address homelessness.

Conference issue is whether or not to provide \$10 million dollars General Fund ongoing for the Home Safe Program.

5180 Department of Social Services (DSS)

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Child Welfare Services

Issue 31: Emergency Child Care Bridge

Governor had no proposal.

Senate provided \$31 million General Fund ongoing to implement the Emergency Child Care Bridge starting July 1, 2017.

Assembly provided \$10 million General Fund to implement the Emergency Child Care Bridge starting March 1, 2018, with \$31 million for the annualized costs starting in 2018-19.

Conference issue is whether to implement the program beginning July 1, 2017 or March 1, 2018.

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Home Care Services

Issue 32: Spring Finance Letter

Governor requested increased expenditure authority of \$2 million to convert 9.5 limited-term positions to permanent, and add 4.5 positions, to continue implementation and administration of the Home Care Services Program. This request would be supported by a biennial fee increase for Home Care Organizations and Home Care Aides.

Senate approved the request as budgeted.

Assembly modified the request to elongate the General Fund payback period to allow for modification of fee revisions as proposed.

Conference issue is whether to approve the request as budgeted or modify.

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Deaf Access Program

Issue 33: Budget Augmentation

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly provided \$3 million General Fund ongoing to augment the DSS-administered Deaf Access Program's budget to allow for expanded services for linguistically-isolated communities.

Conference issue is whether to provide an additional \$3 million General Fund ongoing for the Deaf Access Program.

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Miscellaneous

Issue 34: Poverello House Infrastructure and Homelessness and Low-Income Displacement Assistance

Governor had no proposal.

Senate had no proposal.

Assembly provided \$1 million General Fund one-time to provide for building infrastructure improvements for the Poverello House in Fresno and \$10.5 million General Fund one-time to be used for services and supports to meet the needs of the homeless and displaced population affected by the Coyote Creek flooding that occurred in February of this year in Santa Clara County.

Conference issue is whether to provide \$1 million General Fund one-time for the Poverello House and \$10.5 million General Fund one-time for services and supports for the homeless and displaced community in Santa Clara County.

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Regional Centers Operations

Issue 35: Service Coordinators

Governor proposed no additional funding to increase the number of regional center case managers.

Senate proposed no additional funding to increase the number of regional center case managers.

Assembly approved an augmentation of \$17 million General Fund (\$22.4 million total funds) for regional centers to hire 300 additional case managers to come closer into compliance with statutorily required case manager-to-consumer staff ratios.

Conference issue is whether to augment the regional center operations budget to hire additional case managers.

4300 Department of Developmental Services

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Regional Centers Purchase-of-Services

Issue 36: Restoration of Services

Governor proposed no additional funding to restore regional center purchased services that were suspended by the Budget Act of 2009.

Senate approved an augmentation of \$5.6 million General Fund (\$10.3 million total funds) to remove the cap on respite services, effective January 1, 2018. 2018-19 costs would be \$11.7 million General Fund (\$21.6 million total funds), and ongoing.

Assembly approved an augmentation of \$4.1 million General Fund (\$6.2 million total funds) to restore the provision of social recreational and camping services, effective January 1, 2018. 2018-19 costs would be \$19.6 million General Fund (\$30.2 million total funds), and full year costs would be \$24.6 million General Fund (\$37.8 million) ongoing.

Conference issue is whether to restore respite and/or social recreational and camping services.

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Community Services

Issue 37: Best Buddies Program

Governor proposed no funding for the Best Buddies program.

Senate proposed no funding for the Best Buddies program.

Assembly approved an augmentation of \$1.5 million General Fund one-time to support the Best Buddies program.

Conference issue is whether to provide funding to the Best Buddies program.

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Headquarters-Developmental Centers-Regional Centers

Issue 38: Safety Net Proposal

Governor proposed a total of \$21.2 million (\$7.5 million new one-time General Fund; \$13.7 million other funds), to develop a “safety net” of services and programs tied to the closure of the state developmental centers, and associated trailer bill language related to the relocation and expansion of southern California crisis services.

Senate reduced the Governor’s proposal by \$1 million General Fund in order to move this issue, and the proposed trailer bill language to Conference Committee. Specifically, the trailer bill in this package includes 1) relocation and expansion of southern California crisis services; 2) extension of Community Placement Plan (CPP) funding; and, 3) exemption for enhanced behavioral services homes that meet federal funding requirements.

Assembly conditionally approved Governor’s proposal in order to move this issue to Conference Committee. Assembly also approved placeholder trailer bill language to require the department to provide a larger map of safety net alignment that describes at a higher level how they will approach the statewide resources needed, given the pending closures of the final three developmental centers.

Conference issue includes funding for, and structure of, the safety net proposal and associated trailer bill language, or other language, necessary to achieve a conference compromise.