

# AGENDA – PART B

## ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**VOTE-ONLY ITEMS**

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| <b>0530 California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA)</b> |   |   |  |
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| <b>Issue</b>  | <b>Proposal Name</b>  | <b>Proposal Description</b>   | <b>Staff Recommendation</b>  |
| <b>January Budget Proposal</b>                                  |   |   |  |
| 1   | Budget Change Proposal (BCP) - Electronic Visit Verification Phase II – \$24.1 M (\$5.8 M GF) and 20 limited-term positions, all one-time | <p>This multi-departmental proposal requests funding of \$24.1 million (\$5.8 million General Fund) to support resources for 20 limited term resources for the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Phase II implementation efforts across multiple departments under CHHS. Includes state and consultant resources for project management, solution development, and project readiness and approval to complete Project Approval Lifecycle (PAL) processes and to start implementing an EVV Phase II solution that complies with federal requirements. Impacted departments within the CHHS include the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), CA Department of Public Health (CDPH), Department of Social Services (DSS) and CA Department of Aging (CDA). These program departments and Office of Systems Integration (OSI) comprise the EVV Phase II integrated project team.</p> <p>The resources are needed to ensure California meets federal EVV requirements for Personal Care Services (PCS) by January 1, 2022 and Home Health Care Services (HHCS) by January 1, 2023, minimizes quarterly Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) penalties, and is able to make use of the enhanced federal funding available for EVV Phase II. The EVV Phase II project team received budget approval for temporary help resources equivalent to 21 PYs for FY 2020-21. This request is a continuation of 20 PYs and consultant services approved for 2020-21.</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP.</p> |

| <b>4170 California Department of Aging (CDA)</b> |  |   |  |
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| 2  | BCP - Extend and Increase Funding for the Aging & Disability Resource Connection - \$5 M GF (\$4.65 M of which is Local Assistance for grants) | CDA requests a half-year augmentation of \$5 million General Fund in 2021-22 and a half-year augmentation of \$5 million General Fund in 2022-23 to maintain and expand the Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Infrastructure Grants Program for a Statewide No Wrong Door (NWD) System subject to suspension on December 31, 2022 to provide older adults, people with disabilities, families, and their caregivers simplified access, navigation, and coordination of the services needed to age well in California. If not suspended, resources are requested to continue at an ongoing full-year funding level of \$10 million General Fund. | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of the \$5 M GF for 2021-22 and full funding of \$10 M GF on-going, which will ultimately conform to the larger decisions (yet to be taken, but that are pending) on the suspension policy that was included in the 2020 Budget, impacting many programs in the Health and Human Services areas.</p> |
| 3  | Trailer Bill Language (TBL) - Delay Aging and Disability Resource Connection Suspension and Senior Nutrition Program Augmentation Suspension   | This proposal moves the suspension date pursuant to the larger suspension policy proposed in the Governor's Budget.   | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of alternative placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process and to ultimately conform this language to the larger decision on the suspension policy that was included in the 2020 Budget, impacting many programs in the Health and Human Services areas.</p>                     |
| <b>Spring Finance Letters</b>                    |  |   |  |
| 4  | Spring Finance Letter (SFL) – Extend and Increase Funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection                                     | It is requested that Item 4170-001-0001 be increased by \$1,204,000 and 13 permanent positions and Item 4170-101-0001 be increased by \$750,000 to support the expansion of a statewide system of ADRCs and the administration of the ADRC Infrastructure Grants funding proposed in the Governor's Budget.   | Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted, in accordance with the action on the ADRC BCP above. Both items will conform to the larger decision on the suspensions that apply to multiple HHS programs.  |

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| 5   | SFL – Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Modernization | It is requested that Item 4170-001-0289 be increased by \$673,000 and Item 4170-101-0289 be increased by \$1,386,000 to provide two-year limited-term resources equivalent to 3 positions and local assistance funding to support the modernization of Medicare Counseling programs. It is also requested that provisional language be added to Item 4170-001-0289 and Item 4170-101-0289 to allow expenditure authority for this program to be increased upon 30-day notification to the Legislature and to exempt expenditure authority increases from matching by the Insurance Fund.   | Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted with placeholder Budget Bill Language (BBL) to effectuate the purposes of the SFL. |
| 6   | SFL – Master Plan for Aging Implementation                                   | It is requested that Item 4170-001-0001 be increased by \$3,262,000 and 22 positions to support 20 permanent positions, 2 permanent positions authority only, one-year limited-term resources equivalent to 1 position, and one-year limited-term contract funding for the implementation of the Master Plan for Aging.  | Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this SFL.  |
| N/A | SFL, BBL, and TBL – Office of Long-Term Care Patient Representative          | It is requested that Item 4170-001-3098 be added in the amount of \$982,000 and 6 positions and Item 4170-101-3098 be increased by \$1,524,000 to establish the Office of Long-Term Care Patient Representative. These resources will support 6 permanent positions and provide ongoing local assistance funding. It is also requested that provisional language be added to Item 4170-101-3098 to allow expenditure authority for this program to be increased upon 30-day notification to the Legislature. Additionally, it is requested that statutory changes be adopted to establish the Office of Long-Term Care Patient Representative. | Staff recommends holding this proposal open pending further review.   |

| 4300 Department of Developmental Services (DDS) |   |  |   |
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| 7   | BCP - Forensic Diversion Program Staffing - \$853k GF (\$2.3 M TF) and 3.0 positions, with contracted services  | To fully implement the recently expanded forensic diversion approach for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) who have been charged with a felony and are active in the criminal justice system. The additional investment in the diversion plan will assist (for individuals with non-violent felony charges) in reducing time in jail or on the wait list for Porterville Developmental Center (PDC) admission under Penal Code section 1370.1; and ultimately, will prioritize a treatment-based approach and be responsive to the issues related to the <i>Stiavetti vs. Ahlin</i> lawsuit. The additional resources support DDS and Regional Center (RC) efforts to conduct effective development, monitoring, outreach and management of services for individuals who have become involved in or have a high potential for involvement in criminal conduct. Further, moving from a criminal justice approach to a clinical programming approach provides a more effective intervention for these individuals, allowing them to stay safely in the community. | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |
| 8   | BCP - Porterville Fire Sprinkler System - \$221k for working drawings, toward this repair effort which is forecast to require \$3.9 M GF in the 2022-23 fiscal year | This project is submitted to request funding to correct the identified fire sprinkler deficiency, as mandated by the State Fire Marshal (SFM) to maintain occupancy of the residence buildings. The estimated total project costs are PP \$209,600, WD \$221,000 and C \$3,905,400 for a total project cost of \$4,336,000. The 2020 Budget Act appropriated \$210,000 General Fund for the preliminary plans of the project. The amounts for WD and C phases changed slightly due to the revision of the 3-Page estimate by the Department of General Services (DGS); however, the total project cost remains the same.   | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |

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| 9                             | TBL - Community Navigator Program  | <p>The Governor’s Budget includes \$5.4 M (\$3.2 M GF) to implement a statewide navigator model to increase access to and utilization of needed services in diverse communities. Wide disparities in purchase of services expenditures by race/ethnicity reveal tremendous issues in access to generic and Regional Center services in the DD system. The proposed trailer bill language delineates how the program would work in general terms, with discretion to the department on most of the particulars of program implementation.</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, with changes regarding: (1) clarification of qualifying agencies; (2) inclusion of timelines and specificity for implementation; and, (3) the inclusion of outcomes and accountability reporting. The TBL will also include a requirement for the release of purchase of service expenditure data, broken down by race/ethnicity, systemwide and according to each Regional Center caseload, to be released with the Governor’s Budget proposal and with the May Revision. This will assist in tracking the progress of anti-racist and equity-promoting policies in the DD system.</p> |
| 10                            | TBL - Provider Rate Adjustment and Uniform Holiday Schedule Suspension Extension | <p>The proposed change aligns with the Governor’s Budget proposal, which moves the suspension possibility for funding for recently enacted provider rates and the non-enforcement of the Uniform Holiday Schedule from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.</p>   | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of alternative placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process and to ultimately conform this language to the larger decision on the suspension policy that was included in the 2020 Budget, impacting many programs in the Health and Human Services areas.</p>  |
| <b>Spring Finance Letters</b> |  |  |   |
| 11                            | SFL – Deaf Community   | <p>It is requested that Item 4300-001-0001 be increased by \$197,000 and 1 position, and reimbursements be increased by \$39,000 and be decreased by 0.2 positions. It is also requested that Item 4300-101-0001 be increased by \$2,379,000 and reimbursements be increased by \$743,000 to support the statewide coordination of services for individuals who are deaf and have intellectual or developmental disabilities.</p>  | <p>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted.</p>  |

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| 12 | SFL – Relocation to the Clifford L. Allenby Building–Phase 3 | It is requested that Item 4300-001-0001 be increased by \$5,203,000 and 1 position to provide two-year limited-term resources equivalent to 1 position and additional resources associated with Clifford L. Allenby Building rent and information technology and infrastructure costs necessary for the relocation of the Department of Developmental Services. See related issues in the California Health and Human Services Agency SFL and the Department of State Hospitals SFL. | Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted. |
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| <b>4700 Department of Community Services and Development (CSD)</b> |  |  |   |
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| 13   | BCP - Community Services Block Grant Income Eligibility (CSBG) | <p>Under existing law, income eligibility for CSBG in California must not exceed 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Federal law sets CSBG income eligibility at 100% FPL and gives states the authority to increase household income eligibility for CSBG up to 125% of FPL. However, under the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, states were given the additional flexibility to increase income eligibility to 200% of FPL for the supplemental funds appropriated under the Act. On August 24, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-75-20 temporarily increasing income eligibility levels for CSBG-funded services in California to 200% FPL. This Executive Order and increase in income eligibility is only in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency that began on March 4, 2020.</p> <p>This proposal would align CSBG income eligibility levels with the federal maximum on an ongoing basis. Aligning CSBG income eligibility levels with the federal maximum will ensure consistent program eligibility requirements for supplemental funds allocated under the CARES Act and the block grant allocations for FFYs 2020 and 2021. Absent this change, the expiration of the State of Emergency and the Executive Order, which temporarily increased CSBG income eligibility levels, would create significant programmatic challenges. By permanently tying CSBG eligibility in California to the federal maximum allowable level, the change will allow local CSBG agencies to serve more low-income Californians. Aligning CSBG income eligibility at a higher federal maximum allowed will also enable CSBG agencies to provide CSBG funded services and activities more effectively.</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.</p> |



| <b>5160 Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)</b> |   |  |                                       |
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| 14   | SFL – Extension of Reimbursement Authority for the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program | It is requested that Item 5160-001-0001 be amended by increasing reimbursements by \$2.3 million and 3.2 positions one-time to continue the implementation of the California Public Utilities Commission’s Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program. The Program provides speech generating devices to Californians with disabilities. | Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted. |

| <b>5175 Department of Child Support Services</b> |   |  |   |
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| 15   | BCP - Local Child Support Courts and Child Support Funding - \$23.8 M (\$8.1 M GF) on-going | DCSS requests \$23.759 million (\$8.1 million General Fund) in ongoing funding for the Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Assembly Bill (AB) 1058 program and for critical program staffing and information technology needs. | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approved as Budgeted. Additionally recommends adoption of Supplemental Report Language (SRL) that requires quarterly updating to the Legislature of case to staffing ratios across the 49 Local Child Support Agencies, by under and over-funded LCSAs, and the statewide average, to show the improvement or lack thereof of meeting the desired case to staffing ratio ultimately for all LCSAs, with an estimate provided in the January 2022 Governor’s Budget of how much funding is expected to bring all LCSAs to the goal case to staffing ratio. |

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| 16                           | TBL - Local Child Support Service Agency (LCSA) E-Signature | This proposal would allow an LCSA without a current ability to electronically file documents with their court to: (1) utilize electronic delivery and electronic signature tools via the State’s electronic signature tool account; and, (2) once documents are returned fully executed, to paper file the electronically signed legal pleadings with their local court. DCSS states that offering technological advancements to case participants involved with the government and courts likely creates increased participation of the parties and timelier establishment or modification of parentage, child support orders, medical insurance, and other supplemental support for the children of California. It would also offer consistency in statewide practices so the recipients of services in every county in California benefit from more efficient processes. Additionally, case participants could avoid having to leave their residence to sign, mail, or submit in-person these types of documents, which has become increasingly important during the COVID-19 pandemic. | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.          |
| 17                           | TBL - Performance Incentives                                | Current law provides that the 10 counties with the best performance standards shall receive an additional 5% of the state’s share of those counties’ collections that are used to reduce or repay aid that is paid under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. Current law requires these additional funds received by a county to be used for specified child support-related activities and suspends the payment of this additional 5% for the 2002–03 to 2020–21 fiscal years, inclusive. This proposal would extend the suspension of the additional 5% payments through the 2021–22 and 2022–23 fiscal years.  | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.          |
| <b>Spring Finance Letter</b> |   |  |   |
| 18                           | SFL – Supporting Local Child Support Agency Administration  | It is requested that Item 5175-101-0001 be increased by \$10,563,000 and Item 5175-101-0890 be increased by \$20,505,000 to support Local Child Support Agencies to fiscal year 2019-20 funding methodology levels ongoing.  | Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted. Please see SRL recommendation for adoption regarding oversight of case to staffing ratios included under the action for the BCP in this area. |

| <b>5180 Department of Social Services (DSS)</b> |  |  |   |
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| 19  | BCP - Adult Residential Facilities: Closures and Resident Transfers – \$1.1 M GF on-going, no positions  | The California Department of Social Services (DSS) requests funding to implement policy changes associated with Assembly Bill (AB) 2377 (Chapter 146, Statutes of 2020) which will provide management and operation responsibilities on behalf of Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) when a facility owner forfeits their license or intends to close their facility, until a new licensee is established.   | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |
| 20  | BCP - CalFresh Operations Support – \$554k TF (\$332k GF) for 3 new permanent positions, and authorizing 19 permanent positions (already funded in DSS) which were previously redirected | DSS requests resources to effectively manage current CalFresh workload and increasing responsibilities, meet federal compliance, and maintain implementation of the CalFresh Confirm tool. DSS requests \$554,000 (\$332,000 General Fund), and \$521,000 (\$313,000 General Fund) ongoing, to support two (2.0) Staff Services Managers II (SSM IIs) to provide leadership over the CalFresh program and one (1.0) Information Technology Specialist II (ITS II) to manage and maintain the CalFresh Confirm tool. Additionally, this proposal requests position authority for nineteen (19.0) existing positions. The existing positions include one (1.0) SSM II, three (3.0) SSM Is, one (1.0) SSM I Specialist, one (1.0) Office Technician (OT), and thirteen (13.0) Associate Government Program Analysts (AGPA). | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |
| 21  | BCP - California Child and Family Services Review Quality Assurance Support – \$499k TF (\$281k GF) for 3 new permanent positions  | DSS requests resources to permanently establish additional positions for the expansion of workload activities. DSS requests resources for the support of the California Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Quality Assurance (QA) in the form of two (2.0) permanent Associate Governmental Program Analysts, and one (1.0) permanent Staff Services Manager I.   | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |
| 22  | BCP - CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program Resources – \$260k TF (\$38k GF) for 1.5 new permanent positions  | DSS requests resources to effectively implement the policy changes associated with Senate Bill (SB) 1065 (Chapter 152, Statutes of 2020) which requires ongoing, high-quality technical assistance and oversight to counties through the Homeless Assistance Program. SB 1065 makes ten distinct changes to the HA program, which include to repeal the \$100 asset limit, redefine eligibility criteria, require same-day payments, and expand the availability of HA benefits for applicants that are fleeing domestic violence.   | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |

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| <p>23</p> | <p>BCP - CalWORKs Housing Support Program Resources – \$350k TF (\$178k GF) for 2 new permanent positions</p>  | <p>DSS requests one (1.0) Staff Services Manager I (SSM I) and one (1.0) Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) to support the ongoing policy implementation and intensive technical assistance for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. DSS requests one AGPA position and one SSM I to support ongoing increases in technical assistance and policy development for the CalWORKs HSP. The requested AGPA will be involved in, but not limited to, drafting new regulations pertaining to the HSP, circulating for review by all levels of management, and drafting memorandums and other various documents related to regulations development while the SSM I will be assisting with county inquiries, reviewing legislation, coordinating department meetings, etc. This program has a \$95 million annual budget (ongoing) and 53 participating counties, an increase in 33 counties and \$75 million since the program was implemented. These HSP positions will support the larger county caseload, as well as the ongoing policy and program guidance needs, critical to support the strongest program possible to combat family homelessness, especially given the public health and economic challenges faced by families in poverty and served through the CalWORKs program. HSP state operations have remained stagnant over the past six years and this proposal requests resources to support the ongoing workload necessary to successfully administer HSP.</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP.</p> |
| <p>24</p> | <p>BCP - Children’s Residential Facilities and Reducing Law Enforcement – \$399k TF (\$334k GF) to extend 3 current limited-term positions for an additional two years</p> | <p>DSS requests an extension of limited-term resources to continue reducing the use of law enforcement to manage the behavior of foster youth within care facilities. DSS requests the extension of three limited-term Licensing Program Analysts (LPA). The requested LPA resources are set to expire June 30, 2021.</p>   | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP.</p> |
| <p>25</p> | <p>BCP - Community Care Licensing Resources – \$2.3 M TF (\$1.9 M GF) for 17 new permanent positions</p>   | <p>DSS requests permanent position authority to address the timeliness in processing of Adult and Senior Residential Care facility applications and to assist with complaint investigations for the Adult and Senior Care Program and the Children’s Residential Program. DSS requests to make permanent 13.0 Licensing Program Analysts (LPA) and 4.0 Associate Governmental Program Analysts (AGPA) to address ongoing complaint investigations workload and reduce license application processing time.</p>  | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP.</p> |

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| 26 | BCP - Electronic Visit Verification Continuation – \$1.2 M GF for the one-year extension of 7.5 positions   | DSS requests an extension of limited-term resources needed for the ongoing support of Electronic Visit Verification implementation and support for the new direct deposit and/or pay card mandate for In-Home Supportive Services program providers. DSS requests one-year, limited-term funding to support one (1.0) Staff Services Manager (SSM) I, five (5.0) Associate Governmental Program Analysts (AGPAs), one (1.0) Attorney III, and one half (0.5) Legal Secretary, for the ongoing implementation of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) and the new direct deposit and/or pay card mandate for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers. CDSS was previously granted two-year limited-term funding for the implementation of EVV, which is set to expire on July 1, 2021. This proposal is requesting to extend funding for one additional year, until June 30, 2022. | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |
| 27 | BCP - Equal Employment Opportunity Office Resources – \$320k TF (\$139k GF) for 2 new permanent positions   | DSS requests permanent resources to address increased workload in the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity Office. DSS requests two (2.0) permanent Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) positions to address increased workload in the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office.   | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |
| 28 | BCP - Immigration Services Operations Support – \$316k GF for 2 new positions for a 3-year limited term   | DSS requests resources to maintain critical services and support workload associated with the Immigrant Integration Branch. DSS requests three year limited-term funding equivalent to two (2.0) Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) positions to meet immigrants' needs given the ongoing emergent situations such as COVID-19 and wildfires. The resource history in this BCP shows that the 2 requested positions are being added to a current group of 15 authorized staff.   | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |
| 29 | BCP - Monitoring and Oversight of Child Welfare Services Data Quality for CWS/CMS CARES – \$767k (\$441k GF) to make 5 current limited-term positions permanent | DSS requests permanent resources to perform field monitoring of county child welfare data quality to comply with federal regulations. DSS requests to make permanent five limited-term staff: one (1.0) Staff Services Manager I and four (4.0) Associate Governmental Program Analysts to provide oversight and monitor data required for child welfare reporting purposes.  | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |
| 30 | BCP - Office of Equity: Language Access Resources – \$920k (\$797k GF) for 4 new permanent positions  | DSS requests ongoing resources to comply with language access requirements. DSS requests ongoing resources for one (1.0) Staff Services Manager I (SSM I) and three (3.0) Associate Governmental Program Analysts (AGPA) to comply with language access requirements through the implementation of a department-wide language access policy.  | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP. |

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| <p>31</p> | <p>BCP - Office of the Foster Care Ombudsperson – \$949k (\$765k GF) for 6 current limited-term positions to be made permanent</p>  | <p>DSS requests permanent resources to support the increasing workload of the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsperson. DSS requests six (6.0) limited term resources be made permanent. The previously approved limited term resources included one (1.0) Staff Services Manager II (SSM II), one (1.0) Staff Services Manager I (SSM I), four (4.0) Associate Governmental Program Analysts (AGPAs). The resource history in this BCP shows that the 6 requested positions are currently part of a total 10.3 authorized positions for the Office of Foster Care Ombudsman.</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP.</p> |
| <p>32</p> | <p>BCP - Office of Tribal Affairs Support – \$450k (\$281k GF) for 3 permanent positions (unclear if this is an effective extension of current resources or if these are new positions)</p> | <p>DSS requests permanent resources for the Office of Tribal Affairs to address the workload associated with integrating tribal considerations throughout the Department. DSS requests three (3.0) permanent Associate Governmental Program Analysts (AGPA) to address the workload related with integrating tribal consideration throughout the Department.</p>  | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted for this BCP.</p> |

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| <p>33</p> | <p>TBL - In-Home Supportive Services Residual Program Eligibility Requirements</p> | <p>This trailer bill language proposes to expand the In-Home Supportive Services-Residual (IHSS-R) Program eligibility requirements to include individuals eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal, but who are not eligible for federal financial participation (FFP) due to their immigration status. With the passage of AB 79 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 11, Statutes of 2020) and SB 104 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 67, Statutes of 2019), undocumented adults, 19 to 25 years of age, who meet Medi-Cal eligibility but are ineligible due to their immigration status, are permitted to receive full-scope Medi-Cal services. IHSS is included in these Medi-Cal services, but since the individuals will not be eligible for FFP, the IHSS services are funded through the IHSS-R program. The 2021-22 Governor’s Budget includes \$27.5 million total funds for service costs and \$1.2 million total funds for administration costs in FY 2020-21, as well as \$44.1 million total funds for service costs and \$1.8 million total funds for administration costs in FY 2021-22 (all funds are 100 percent General Fund).</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends two actions – (1) approval of this TBL as placeholder and (2) adding clarifications to formalize the role of the IHSS Residual Program in covering services for IHSS recipients who may have lost Medi-Cal coverage temporarily due to the Medi-Cal redetermination process. This has been a practice of the IHSS-R program historically and its retention in this role is essential for the maintenance of IHSS services, particularly as the pandemic continues and especially once redeterminations in Medi-Cal becomes operative again in the coming months. This will require maintenance of a manual process for counties and the undoing of anything that has been implemented to date that might have automated denials of IHSS services connected to the loss of Medi-Cal coverage, as this practice and the possible adverse impacts for the aged and disabled was not sanctioned by the Legislature.</p> |
| <p>34</p> | <p>TBL - Statewide Restaurant Meals Program Extension</p>                          | <p>This trailer bill language proposes to provide DSS with authority to extend the September 1, 2020, implementation date of the statewide Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) to the proposed September 1, 2021, implementation date. The Access to Safe Food Choices and Food Security Act of 2019 requires the Department, to the extent permitted by federal law and in consultation with various stakeholders, to establish a statewide RMP and to implement these provisions on or before September 1, 2020. There is no BCP or Premise Item associated with this TBL. There is no additional local assistance fiscal impact. The RMP stakeholder engagement efforts would be handled at the state level by current staff, to the extent current workload allows.</p>   | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.</p>  |

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| <p>35</p> | <p>TBL - Refugee Support Services Funding</p>           | <p>This trailer bill language proposes to provide DSS with the authority and discretion to allocate (a) declined or returned Refugee Support Services (RSS) funding and (b) supplemental or targeted funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to other service areas (i.e., refugee-impacted counties or qualified nonprofit organizations). There is no additional fiscal impact from this TBL. Per Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 13276, California allocates appropriated federal funds for refugee social services programs to each eligible county and, if the Department exercises its discretion, to a qualified nonprofit organization, based on the number of refugees receiving aid in the eligible county or the number of refugees that reside in the eligible county. If a county declines or returns funding, CDSS does not have the authority to use this funding for other counties with identified needs. WIC Section 13276 requires CDSS to distribute all RSS funding, including the annual appropriation from ORR and any declined or returned funds proportionally to all eight refugee-impacted counties. There are no applicable waivers or other authority that would allow deviation from the statute’s proportional distribution system. Funding for Refugee Social Services is included in the 2020-21 Appropriation on line 142 of the Local Assistance Estimates Tables. The amount budgeted for this item is \$14.9 million in FY 2020-21.</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.</p> |
| <p>36</p> | <p>TBL - CalFresh Overissuance Timeframe Adjustment</p> | <p>This trailer bill language provides DSS with the authority to implement new timeframes for establishing and calculating CalFresh over issuance (OI) claims. Currently, California counties are required to establish a claim for any household which had an OI which was discovered within 36 months of the OI occurrence. Counties are also required to look back 36 months from the date the OI was discovered to calculate the amount of the claim. The decision in <i>Brown and Espinosa-Tapia v. Lightbourne</i> mandates that 36 months is the maximum time for both establishment and calculation. This will result in a small amount of foregone revenue related to California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) collections which will not be established. CFAP issuances are approximately 0.7 percent of CalFresh issuances, and OIs are not reflected directly in the local assistance budget.</p>   | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.</p> |



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| <p>37</p> | <p>TBL - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/CalFresh Waiver Authority</p> | <p>This trailer bill language provides DSS with the authority to implement federally approved waivers under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Program via All County Letter (ACL), All County Information Notice (ACIN), and/or All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL), with the intention to adopt regulations for long-term waivers lasting more than 18 months into the Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) and no requirement to adopt regulations for short-term waivers. SNAP is called CalFresh in California. The Department frequently requests federal waivers from the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service to waive certain SNAP provisions. Federal waivers allow for flexibility in administering CalFresh, and result in a more effective and efficient administration of the program. There is no BCP or Premise Item associated with this TBL. There is no additional local assistance fiscal impact.</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.</p> |
| <p>38</p> | <p>TBL - Client Notification of Benefit Eligibility</p>                                 | <p>Current law permits the release of a list of applicants for, or recipients of, public social services, or any other records, only when requested by a county welfare department or DSS, and used only for purposes directly connected with the administration of public social services. This proposal would additionally permit those lists and records to be used to notify a public social services recipient of their potential eligibility for other benefits and services not administered by DSS, including, but not limited to, education, and access to critical public health services and poverty-alleviating benefits, as determined by DSS.</p>   | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.</p> |

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| <p>39</p> | <p>TBL - Licensing Administration Certification Program Fees</p> | <p>This trailer bill language proposes to modify the fee structure for the Administrator Certification Program (ACP) to maintain solvency of the Certification Fund. The modification of ACP fees is necessary to address insolvency of the Certification Fund, projected to occur in Fiscal Year 2022-23. Fees for ACP have not changed since the inception of the program in 1991. Since 1991, sixteen laws have created ongoing unfunded workloads for ACS. For example, Assembly Bill 403 (Stone, Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015) implemented the Continuum of Care Reform initiative, which created Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP). This law created an unfunded workload for ACS to: (1) process vendor applications and course requests; (2) develop a new examination; and, (3) process STRTP administrator certification applications. The proposed increase of application processing fees by 10 percent each year for a four-year period and adding new fees for administrator certification examinations, and vendor training courses will help to replenish the Certification Fund, aid in funding ACP operational costs and invest in the long-term growth in the program.</p> | <p>This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process.</p> |
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| 40                            | TBL - Approved Relative Caregiver Funding Program<br>Eligibility: Out-of-State Relative Caregivers | This trailer bill language proposed to allow children and nonminor dependents to participate in the Approved Relative Caregiver Funding Program if they are placed out of state. The Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Funding Program was designed to provide payments to caregivers of children and nonminor dependents, who are not eligible for AFDC-FC payments. ARC payments are comprised of the applicable CalWORKs payment and supplemental general funds to bring the payment amount up to what the child or youth would receive were they covered by Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Foster Care (AFDC- FC) funding. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11461.3 established the ARC Funding Program and outlined the eligibility requirements for a child or nonminor dependent to receive payments. The current language excludes children and nonminor dependents who are placed with a relative outside of California, creating an inequity for these youth and their caregivers. The 2021-22 Governor’s Budget includes \$34 million General Fund for ARC programs. The estimate has two components: an ARC estimate and a CalWORKs estimate. Because the TBL requires the child to be a CA resident, the CalWORKs payment will come from CDSS’ budget; this is because the state of residency is responsible for the CalWORKs payment. For the ARC estimate, with 308 children per year residing outside of CA, the General Fund (GF) impact per year is \$1.87 million. | This proposal was heard at the Sub. 1 hearing held on March 17, 2021.<br><br>Staff recommends approval of placeholder TBL, subject to changes in the trailer bill process. |
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| 41                            | SFL – Appeals Case Management System Planning and Functionality                                    | It is requested that Item 5180-001-0001 be increased by \$341,000, reimbursements be increased by \$308,000 and Item 5180-001-0890 be increased by \$243,000 to provide two year limited-term resources through fiscal year 2022-23 for the planning of interface functionality in the Appeals Case Management System and other health and human services eligibility determination systems. The Appeals Case Management System will eventually plan, develop, and implement interfaces that will interact with multiple statewide eligibility determination data systems that are affected by the State Hearings process, although this request is only associated with planning.  | Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted.  |

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| 42  | SFL – Housing and Homelessness Data Reporting Solution | It is requested that Item 5180-001-0001 be increased by \$247,000 and 1 position ongoing to assist with the planning process to develop a single system to capture CDSS’ housing and homelessness programs data. This solution will be a program management tool collecting information on program key performance indicators and case-level data to assess progress towards various housing program goals.  | Staff recommends Approve as Budgeted, with SRL requiring quarterly updates on the progress being made toward the development of this single system and collaboration with the Legislature on the kinds of historical, current, and contextual information it will help to answer about housing stability, homelessness, and housing and rental cost needs of people served by all of the major programs administered by the Department of Social Services. |
| N/A | SFL – Community Care Expansion Program                 | It is requested that \$2,476,000 (\$1,210,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$1,266,000 in the out-years) be shifted from Item 5180-151-0001 to Item 5180-001-0001 to provide three year limited-term resources to plan and develop policies related to the Community Care Expansion including the acquisition and rehabilitation of Adult Residential Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly. It is also requested that Item 5180-001-001 be increased by an additional \$506,000 (\$178,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$164,000 in the out-years) to provide three year limited-term resources to support the oversight and evaluation of California Department of Social Services’ (CDSS) rehousing projects. | Hold open, pending action on the larger CCE/RCFE BCP and TBL.  |
| N/A | SFL – CWS-CARES Project Staff Resources                | It is requested that Item 5180-001-0001 be increased by \$953,000 and 5.8 positions and Item 5180-001-0890 be increased by \$352,000 and 2.2 positions to provide five-year limited term resources through fiscal year 2025-26 to support continuing development and implementation of the Child Welfare Services-California Automated Response and Engagement System project.   | Hold open, pending review.   |

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| N/A | SFL – Family First Prevention Services Act State-Level Resources | It is requested that Item 5180-001-0001 be increased by \$2,312,000 and 5.1 permanent positions and Item 5180-001-0890 be increased by \$854,000 and 1.9 permanent positions to provide ongoing resources to procure contracts for workload related to the Federal Family Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part I Prevention Services. While Part I is state-optional, resources are necessary for state-level data tracking, prevention services program evaluation, and to provide technical assistance to counties that opt-in to Part I activities for federal Title IV-E reimbursement. | Hold open, pending action on the larger FFPSA BCP and TBL. |
| N/A | SFL – With DHCS, Statewide Verification Hub Staffing Resources   | It is requested that Item 5180-001-0001 be increased by \$531,000 and 1 position and Item 5180-001-0890 be increased by \$4,770,000 and 8.5 positions ongoing to provide contract funding for the development and implementation of the Statewide Verification Hub, a centralized client eligibility verification system for public assistance programs.  | Hold open, pending review.                                 |
| N/A | SFL – Whole Child Integration and Data Development Support       | It is requested that Item 5180-001-001 be increased by \$1,686,000 and 9 positions to provide ongoing resources to establish Whole Child Integration to strengthen the state’s child care and development system. The requested resources will support full inclusion throughout the early learning and care environment through prevention, monitoring, and enforcement, data management activities, data initiatives, and guidance on information technology related to child care programs.  | Action on this proposal is likely to take place in Sub. 2. |
| N/A | SFL – Child Care and Development Program Support                 | It is requested that Item 5180-001-001 be increased by \$8,715,000 and 67 positions and Item 5180-001-0890 be increased by \$497,000 and 3 positions to provide ongoing resources to support the transfer of child care and development programs, administrative and legal infrastructure from the Department of Education (CDE) to CDSS. The requested resources are in addition to the positions transferring over from CDE included in the Governor’s Budget Child Care Transition proposal.   | Action on this proposal is likely to take place in Sub. 2. |

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