

# **CCWRO**

California Public Benefits Legislative Bill & Budget Action Tracker #2016-06

## Last Week Highlight

On March 30, 2016 the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services took the following action:

**Repeal MFG and Provide Grant Increase.** Repeal the MFG rule, with the adoption of placeholder trailer bill language to accomplish this, and provide a 4 percent increase to the CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment, all effective January 1, 2017. Aye Vote: Thurmond (D), Ting (D) and Chiu (D). No votes Obernolte (R) and Harper (R)

## What's up this week?

## **ADVOCATE ACTION:**

Letters of support for bills set for a hearing on April 5, 2016 – See public benefits bills scheduled for 4-12-16.

Assembly Human Services Committee

- Date: April 12, 2016
  - Time: 1:30 p.m.
    - Room 437

BILLS HEARD IN ORDER OF AUTHOR SIGN-IN Measure: Author: Summary

A.B.No. 1770 - Alejo. Food assistance program: eligibility. - CCWRO - Support

A.B.No. 1790 - Weber. CalWORKs: welfare-to-work. - CCWRO - Support

A.B.No. 2057 - Mark Stone. CalFresh: application information. - CCWRO - Support

A.B.No. 2058 - Mayes. CalWORKs Educational Opportunity and Attainment Program.

CCWRO - Support <u>A.B.No. 2062</u> - Lopez. CalWORKs: income reporting: benefit redetermination. - CCWRO - Support

<u>A.B.No. 2150</u> - Santiago.Subsidized child care and development services: eligibility periods – CCWRO - Support

.A.B.No. 2256 - Maienschein. Homelessness: report. - CCWRO - Support

A.B.No. 2631 - Santiago. CalWORKs: housing assistance. - CCWRO - Support

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## **ASSEMBLY BILLS**

Bill	Sponsor & CCWRO Position	Bill Description	Next Steps
AB 492 – Gonzalez – (D) Room # 6013 Tel. 916-319-2080 Staff: Andrea SanMiguel andrea.sanmiguel@asm.ca.gov	Support	CalWORKs – Would require counties to issue \$50 ancillary services for diapers on an EBT card.	Waiting for a Hearing in Senate Human Services
AB 1314 - Thurmond - (D) Room # 5150 - Tel. 916-319-2015 Staff: Tyrone McGray tyrone.mcgraw@asm.ca.gov	SUPPORT	CalWORKs Child Care – This is a spot bill for implementation of the new federal federal child care block grant provisions.	Waiting for a Hearing in Assembly Human Services
AB 1742- Stone –(D) Room # 4139 - Tel. 916-319-2077 Staff: Gabriel Villarreal Gabriel.Villarreal@asm.ca.gov	WCLP & CCWRO SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would restore the 60-month time limit. It would also increase the earned income disregard to \$450 plus 70% of the reminder.	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
AB 1747 - Weber – (D) Room # 6026 - Tel. 916- 319-2079 Staff: Marcus McKinney Marcus.mckinney@asm.ca.gov	WCLP SUPPORT	CalFresh – This bill would make food available to college students eligible for CalFresh in various ways.	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
AB 1770 - Alejo - (D) Room #2196 - Tel. 916319-2030 Staff: Taco Torres taco.torres@asm.ca.gov	SUPPORT	CalWORKs/CalFresh – This is a spot bill.	Waiting for a Hearing in Assembly Human Services
AB 1790 - Weber - (D) Room # 6026 - Tel. 916- 319-2079 Staff: Marcus McKinney Marcus.mckinney@asm.ca.gov	CCWRO & WCLP SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would provide that any person meeting the federal work participation rates shall not be sanctioned and shall receive supportive services.	Assembly Human Services April 12, 2016 1:30 p.m. Room 437
AB 1797 – Lackey – (R) & Weber (D) Room # - Tel. 916- 319-2036 Staff: Antoine Hage antoine.hage@asm.ca.gov	SUPPORT	In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – This bill would require the county to give IHSS applicants a confirmation number when applying	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
AB 1809 - Lopez – (D) Room # 5160 - Tel. 916- 319-2039 Staff: Kristi Lopez kristi.lopez@asm.ca.gov	SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would eliminate any asset test for the CalWORKs program.	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
AB 1994 - Lopez – (D) Room # 5160 - Tel. 916- 319-2039 Staff: Kristi Lopez kristi.lopez@asm.ca.gov	SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would give any CalWORKs recipient without a high school diploma the option of enrolling in a GED program that would provide a \$500 bonus for obtaining a GED Certificate similar to the CalLearn Program	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.

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	CCWRO Position		
AB 2057 - Stone – (D) Room # 4139 - Tel. 916-319-2077 Staff: Gabriel Villarreal Gabriel.Villarreal@asm.ca.gov			Assembly Human Services April 12, 2016 1:30 p.m. Room 437
<u>AB 2058</u> - <u>Mayes - (R)</u> Room # 3104 - Tel. 916- 319-2042 Staff: Joshua White- joshua.white@asm.ca.gov	SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would give CalWORKs recipient a bonus for attaining a high school diploma, AA degree or a BA while receiving CalWORKS.	Assembly Human Services April 12, 2016 1:30 p.m. Room 437
AB 2062 - Lopez - (D) Room # 5160 - Tel. 916- 319-2039 Staff: Jasmine Kullar Jasmine.Kullar@asm.ca.gov	CCWRO SUPPORT	This bill would not assess an overpayment for CalWORKs for the month following the month of the change, like CalFresh.	Assembly Human Services April 12, 2016 1:30 p.m. Room 437
<u>AB 2151 - Chu – (D)</u> Room # 5175 - Tel. 916- 319-2025 Staff: Robert Mason <u>robert.mason@asm.ca.gov</u>	WCLP SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would give a CalWORKs recipient additional money for a special diet due to a medical condition.	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
<u>AB 2346</u> – <u>Baker</u> – (R) Room # 4153 - Tel. 916- 319-2016 Staff: Faith Lane faith.lane@asm.ca.gov	CCWRO SUPPORT	State Hearings - This bill would authorize respondents of a state hearing available electronically.	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
<u>AB 2448</u> – <u>Burke – (D)</u> Room # 5144 - Tel. 916- 319-2062 Staff: Allison Ruff <u>allison.ruff@asm.ca.gov</u>	CWDA SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would allow counties to allow WtW participants engage in pre-postsecondary educational activities before being required to attend job club that would not count against the 24-month clock.	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
<u>AB 2608</u> - <u>Chu – (D)</u> Room # 5175 - Tel. 916- 319-2025 Staff: Robert Mason <u>robert.mason@asm.ca.gov</u>	SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill is a spot bill	Waiting for a Hearing in Assembly Human Services
AB 2631 - Santiago – (D) Room # 5119 - Tel. 916- 319-2053 Staff: Jaspreet Johl Jaspreet.johl@asm.ca.gov	SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would repeal the once-in-a-lifetime limitation for homeless assistance and provide temporary homeless assistance for 30 days.	Assembly Human Services April 12, 2016 1:30 p.m. Room 437

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Bill Number Author	Sponsor	Bill Description	Next Steps
SB 23- Mitchell(D) Room # 4082 • 916-651-4026 Luan Huynh Elise.gyore@sen.ca.gov	EBCL and WCLP	CalWORKs - This bill would repeal the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule.	Waiting for Action on the Assembly floor. Next stop. Governor's Desk
SB 876- Liu- (D) Room # 5097 • 916-651-4025 Darcel Sanders darcel.sanders@sen.ca.gov	WCLP SUPPORT	CalFresh - This is a homeless right bill of 2016.	Died in Senate Transportation Committee

SB904- Hertzberg – (D) Room # 4038 • 916-651-4018 Elizabeth Bojorquez elizabeth.Bojorquez@sen.ca. gov	CCWRO, WCLP & CAHC	CalFresh - This bill would require the State to seek available federal waivers for able-bodied adults without children.	Passed Senate Human Services. Next Stop Senate Approps.
SB 910-Berryhill – (R) Room # 4070 • 916-651-4006 Staff: Joe Parra joe.parra@sen.ca.gov		CalWORKs - Spot Bill	Waiting for a Hearing in Senate Human Services
SB 947- Pan – (D) Room # 4070 • 916-651-4006 Staff: Darin Walsh darin.walsh@sen.ca.gov	CCWRO CWDA WCLP SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would give the county the option to do electronic application interviews.	Passed Senate Human Services. Next Stop Senate Approps.
SB 1232-Leno – (D) Room # 5100 • 916-651-4011 Staff: Sunday Balalis Sunday.balalis@sen.ca.gov	WCLP SUPPORT	CalFresh - This bill would give the require the county to provide an adequate notice of action for any negative action resulting from a credit report.	Passed Senate Human Services. Next Stop Senate Approps.
SB 1339- Monning – (D) Room # 313 • 916-651-4017 Staff: Ryan Guillen Ryan.Guillen@sen.ca.gov	CCWRO and WCLP United Way of California SUPPORT	CalWORKs/CalFresh/ Medi-Cal - This bill would simplify the inter-county-transfer process for CalWORKs by not requiring an interview for the transfer and assure that Medi-Cal coverage is seamless.	Passed Senate Human Services. Next Stop Senate Approps.
SB 1373- Stone – (R) Room # 4062 • 916-651-4028 Staff: Bijan Mehryar bijan.mehryar@sen.ca.gov	<u>CCWRO</u> SUPPORT	CalWORKs Welfare-to- Work - This bill would require that WtW participant be issued standard payments \$100 and \$500 a semester for full college students and \$250 for part-time students. Participant shall have the option of claiming actual expenses if they present evidence of necessary costs.	Passed Senate Human Services. Next Stop Senate Approps.

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

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

## THURMOND, Chair

• 3:00 p.m. • Room 444

5180 – Department of Social Services

- Child Welfare Services & Foster Care
- Community Care Licensing

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

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

## THURMOND, Chair

• 3:00 p.m. • Room 444

0530 – Health & Human Services Agency

- Office of Systems Integration 5180 – Department of Social Services
- Automation Projects
- State Hearings
- April Finance Letters

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

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

## THURMOND, Chair

• 3:00 p.m. • Room 444 All Departments – Open Issues

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

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

## THURMOND, Chair

• 3:00 p.m.• Room 444

All Departments – Open Issues

## **MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016**

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

## THURMOND, Chair

• 3:00 p.m. • Room 444

All Departments – Open Issues

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## SENATOR MITCHELL, Chair

• 9:30 a.m. or upon adjourn. of Session • Room (4203)

Item Description

4150 Department of Managed Health Care

**4260 Department of Health Care Services** 

- Medi-Cal Overview Denti-Cal Managed Risk Medical Insurance Program
- Other Items

## THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

JOINT HEARING BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW SUBC. NO. 1 ON EDUCATION AND BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW SUB. NO. 3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# SENATORS BLOCK AND MITCHELL, Chairs

• 9:30 a.m. or upon adjourn. of Session

• Room (4203)

**OVERSIGHT HEARING SUBJECT:** 

Child Care and Early Learning Item Description

5180 Department of Social Services

6100 Department of Education

## THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

# HEARING BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW SUB. NO. 3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - MITCHELL, Chairs

• 9:30 a.m. or upon adjourn. of Session • Room (4203)

**HEARING SUBJECT:** 

Department of Community Development

5180 Department of Social Services

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

SSI/SSP

## THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016

# HEARING BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW SUB. NO. 3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - MITCHELL, Chairs

• 9:30 a.m. or upon adjourn. of Session • Room (4203)

**HEARING SUBJECT:** 

Child Care and Early Learning Item Description

4260 - Department of Health Care Services

Medi-Cal Rates & Access Coordinated Care Initiative

## **THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016**

HEARING BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW SUB. NO. 3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - MITCHELL, Chairs

• 9:30 a.m. or upon adjourn. of Session • Room (4203)

HEARING SUBJECT:

Open issues – All Department

# LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2016 REGULAR SESSION

Mar. 31 —Cesar Chavez Day.

Apr. 4 —Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(a)(2)).

April 29 — Last day for policy committees to hear and report to Fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(2)).

May 15 —Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor non–fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(3)).

May 22 —Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 8 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).

May 25 — Memorial Day.

May 29 —Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(5)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 8 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).

May 30 - June 3 —Floor Session Only. No committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(7)).

June 3 — Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin (J.R. 61(a)(8)). June 8 — Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).

June 15 —Budget must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (c)(3)).

July 4 —Independence Day. July 15 —Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(10)). Summer Recess begins at the end of this day's session, provided the Budget has been enacted (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

Aug. 15 — Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

Aug. 26 —Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(a) (11)).

Aug. 29–Sep.9—Floor Session only. No committees, other than Conference Committees and Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

Sep. 2 —Last day to amend bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

Sep. 5 —Labor Day.

Sep. 9 —Last day for each house to pass bills (J.R. 61(a)(14)). Interim Study Recess begins at the end of this day's session (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

Oct. 7 — Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sep. 11 and in the Governor's possession after Sep. 11 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(1)

## **CCWRO Services**

The Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc. (CCWRO) is a state-wide nonprofit organization providing support services to qualified legal service field programs (QLSPs) funded by the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission. CCWRO has been providing support services for the past 35 years.

**CCWRO** provides consultation, information and representation for IOLTA qualified legal services programs regarding public benefit programs such as: CalWORKs, CalFresh, also known as Food Stamps or SNAP, General Assistance and General Relief, SSI, Welfare to Work and other Public Assistance Programs.

**CCWRO** maintains current information on the status of pending or recently proposed and enacted state and federal legislation and regulations.

**CCWRO** collects, monitors and disseminates statistical information relating to public assistance programs throughout California to legal services programs statewide.

**CCWRO** provides public benefits training upon request depending on availability of staff.

#### **Programs Covered**

- \* CalWORKs
- \* Cash Assistance to Immigrants (CAPI)
- \* Child Care
- \* Child Support
- \* CalFresh, also known as Food Stamps or SNAP
- \* General Assistance/ General Relief
- \* In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
- \* Medi-Cal
- \* Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- \* Welfare Immigration
- \* SSI eligibility issues
- \* Welfare-to-Work (WtW)

#### **Services**

#### CCWRO provides:

- Immediate response to questions from legal

services programs regarding public benefit programs, laws and regulations.

- Collects and disperses statistical information and analysis on the public assistance programs, including statistical information upon request from qualified legal services program.
- Provide status information on pending state legislation and regulations.
- Legislative Advocacy
- Administrative Advocacy
- Co-counsel on administrative lawsuits.
- Client representation assistance at fair hearings.

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