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California Public Benefits Legislative Bill & Budget Action Tracker #2016-07

Last Major Action

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)

New Bill

AJR 35- Brown – Calling for Food Stamps for SSI Recipients

What's up this week?

ADVOCATE ACTION:

Come to the hearing and show your support for these great bills

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	CCWRO Position
<u>A.B.No. 1770</u> - Alejo.		Food assistance program: eligibility.	Support
<u>A.B.No. 1790</u> - Weber.		CalWORKs: welfare-to-work.	Support
<u>A.B.No. 2057</u> - Mark Stone.		CalFresh: application information.	Support
<u>A.B.No. 2058</u> - Mayes.		CalWORKs .	Support
<u>A.B.No. 2062</u> - Lopez.		CalWORKs: Earned income reporting.	Support
<u>A.B.No. 2150</u> - Santiago.		Subsidized child care eligibility periods	Support
<u>A.B.No. 2256</u> - Maienschein.		Homelessness: report.	Support
<u>A.B.No. 2631</u> - Santiago.		CalWORKs: housing assistance.	Support

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ASSEMBLY BILLS

Bill	Sponsor & CCWRO Position	Bill Description	Next Steps
<u>AB 492 – Gonzalez – (D)</u> Room # 6013 Tel. 916-319-2080 Staff: Andrea SanMiguel <u>andrea.sanmiguel@asm.ca.gov</u>	Support	CalWORKs – Would require counties to issue \$50 ancillary services for diapers on an EBT card.	Waiting for a Hearing in Senate Human Services
<u>AB 1314 - Thurmond – (D)</u> Room # 5150 - Tel. 916-319-2015 Staff: Tyrone McGraw <u>tyrone.mcgraw@asm.ca.gov</u>	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
<u>AB 1742- Stone –(D)</u> Room # 4139 - Tel. 916-319-2077 Staff: Gabriel Villarreal <u>Gabriel.Villarreal@asm.ca.gov</u>	<u>WCLP & CCWRO</u> 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 remainder.	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
<u>AB 1747 - Weber – (D)</u> Room # 6026 - Tel. 916- 319-2079 Staff: Marcus McKinney <u>Marcus.mckinney@asm.ca.gov</u>	<u>WCLP</u> 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.
<u>AB 1770 - Alejo - (D)</u> Room #2196 - Tel. 916--319-2030 Staff: Taco Torres <u>taco.torres@asm.ca.gov</u>	SUPPORT	CalWORKs/CalFresh – This is a spot bill.	Waiting for a Hearing in Assembly Human Services
<u>AB 1790 - Weber – (D)</u> Room # 6026 - Tel. 916- 319-2079 Staff: Antonio DiMartino <u>Anthony.DiMartino@asm.ca.gov</u>	<u>CCWRO & WCLP</u> 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
<u>AB 1797 – Lackey – (R) & Weber (D)</u> Room # - Tel. 916- 319-2036 Staff: Antoine Hage <u>antoine.hage@asm.ca.gov</u>	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.
<u>AB 1809 - Lopez – (D)</u> Room # 5160 - Tel. 916- 319-2039 Staff: Kristi Lopez <u>kristi.lopez@asm.ca.gov</u>	SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would eliminate any asset test for the CalWORKs program.	Passed Assembly Human Services. Next Stop Assembly Approps.
<u>AB 1994 - Lopez – (D)</u> Room # 5160 - Tel. 916- 319-2039 Staff: Kristi Lopez <u>kristi.lopez@asm.ca.gov</u>	<u>CCWRO</u> 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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<u>AB 2057 - Stone – (D)</u> Room # 4139 - Tel. 916-319-2077 Staff: Gabriel Villarreal <u>Gabriel.Villarreal@asm.ca.gov</u>	SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This is a spot bill relative to CalFresh application	Assembly Human Services April 12, 2016 1:30 p.m. Room 437
<u>AB 2058 - Mayes – (R)</u> Room # 3104 - Tel. 916- 319-2042 Staff: Joshua White– <u>joshua.white@asm.ca.gov</u>	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
<u>AB 2062 - Lopez – (D)</u> Room # 5160 - Tel. 916- 319-2039 Staff: Jasmine Kullar <u>Jasmine.Kullar@asm.ca.gov</u>	<u>CCWRO</u> 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>	<u>WCLP</u> 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 – Baker – (R)</u> Room # 4153 - Tel. 916- 319-2016 Staff: Faith Lane <u>faith.lane@asm.ca.gov</u>	<u>CCWRO</u> 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 – Burke – (D)</u> Room # 5144 - Tel. 916- 319-2062 Staff: Allison Ruff <u>allison.ruff@asm.ca.gov</u>	<u>CWDA</u> 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 - 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
<u>AB 2631 - Santiago – (D)</u> Room # 5119 - Tel. 916- 319-2053 Staff: Jaspreet Johl <u>Jaspreet.johl@asm.ca.gov</u>	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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<u>SB 23- Mitchell(D)</u> <u>Room # 4082 • 916-651-4026</u> <u>Luan Huynh</u> Elise.gyore@sen.ca.gov	<u>EBCL</u> and <u>WCLP</u> SUPPORT	CalWORKs - This bill would repeal the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule.	Waiting for Action on the Assembly floor. Next stop. Governor’s Desk
<u>SB 876- Liu- (D)</u> <u>Room # 5097 • 916-651-4025</u> Darcel Sanders darcel.sanders@sen.ca.gov	<u>WCLP</u> SUPPORT	CalFresh - This is a homeless right bill of 2016.	Died in Senate Transportation Committee

<u>SB904- Hertzberg – (D)</u> Room # 4038 • 916-651-4018 Elizabeth Bojorquez elizabeth.Bojorquez@sen.ca.gov	CCWRO , WCLP & CAHC SUPPORT	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- <u>Berryhill – (R)</u> Room # 4070 • 916-651-4006 Staff: Joe Parra joe.parra@sen.ca.gov		CalWORKs - Spot Bill	Waiting for a Hearing in Senate Human Services
<u>SB 947- Pan – (D)</u> 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- <u>Leno – (D)</u> 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- <u>Monning – (D)</u> 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- <u>Stone – (R)</u> Room # 4062 • 916-651-4028 Staff: Bijan Mehryar bijan.mehryar@sen.ca.gov	CCWRO 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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ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE 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 27, 2016

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

THURMOND, Chair

• 3:00 p.m. • Room 444

All Departments – Open Issues

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE 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, MAY 4, 2016

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE 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 COMMITTEE 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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