



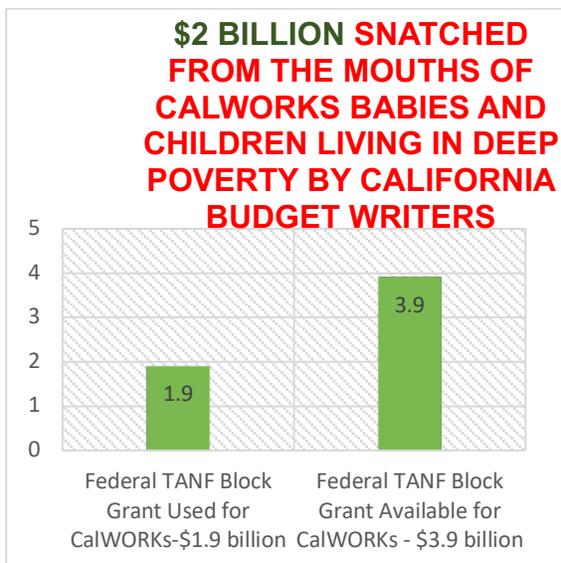
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California Public Benefits Legislative Bill & Budget Action Tracker #2018-09 – June 15, 2018

Sad Facts about CalWORKs 2018

- California has the highest child poverty rate in the United States of America.
- California has \$3.9 billion Federal TANF available for CalWORKs in 2018-2019. Only \$1.9 billion will be allocated to CalWORKs. The remaining \$2 billion will be treated as “CalWORKs Contribution to the General Fund”.
- Only 40% of CalWORKs families get aid for their family size.
- 60% of the families are getting aid for one or more less persons – compliments of CalWORKs sanctions, penalties, time limits and other anti-child and punitive features of the CalWORKs program.

Source: Governor’s 2018-2019 Budget Documents



Coming Events Committee Hearings Public Benefits Bills

Senate Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm – Room #3191

- [A.B.No. 1894](#) Weber. Postsecondary education: student hunger.
- [A.B.No. 1921](#) Maienschein. CalWORKs: housing assistance.
- [A.B.No. 1992](#) Chu. CalWORKs eligibility: immunizations.
- [A.B.No. 2030](#) Limón. CalWORKs: accommodations.
- [A.B.No. 2152](#) Weber. CalFresh: able-bodied adults without dependents.
- [A.B.No. 2326](#) Rubio. CalWORKs: welfare-to-work: exemption.

Assembly Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm – Room #437

- [S.B.No.726](#) - Wiener. CalWORKs: benefits overpayment.
- [S.B.No.926](#) - Skinner. CalWORKs and CalFresh: work requirements.
- [S.B.No.982](#) - Mitchell. CalWORKs: maximum grant amount.
- [S.B.No.1446](#) - Glazer. CalWORKs: welfare-to-work.

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2018 Assembly Human Services Committee Hearing Dates

• March 6, 2018; • March 20, 2018; • April 10, 2018, • April 24, 2018, • May 8, 2018 (non-fiscal bills)
SENATE BILLS - • June 12, 2018 • June 26, 2018 (Senate Bills) NOTE: All hearings at 1:30 pm

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2018 ASSEMBLY BILLS

Bill	Bill Sponsor & Position	Bill Description	Status – Next Steps
AB 1871 - Bonta (D) Room # - 2148 Tel. 916- 319-2018 Staff: Alma Barreras alma.barreras@asm.ca.gov	CFPA SUPPORT	School Meals – This bill would require a charter school to provide each needy pupil with one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each school day.	Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations
AB 1883–Weber (D) Room # - 3123 Tel. 916- 319-2079 Staff: Joe Kocurek joe.kocurek@asm.ca.gov	WCLP SUPPORT	CalFresh – This bill would create a state-only food stamp program for military families who are low-income.	Next Step Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs June 26, 2018 1:30 pm Room 2040
AB 1892– Jones-Sawyer (D) Room # 2117 Tel. 916-319-2059 Staff: Alexander Soto aleksander.soto@asm.ca.gov	WCLP LA Hunger Action CCWRO SUPPORT	CalFresh - This bill would provide transitional CalFresh benefits to households terminating their participation in the CAPI for or the General Assistance program, and to non-minor dependents exiting foster care.	Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 1894–Weber (D) Room # - 3123 Tel. 916- 319-2079 Staff: Tiffany Boyd tiffany.boyd@asm.ca.gov	WCLP SUPPORT	CalFresh – Would require CSU college cafeterias to participate in the CalFresh Restaurant Meals Programs.	Next Step Senate Education June 6, 2018 9:30 am Room 4203
AB 1909– Nazarian (D) Room # 4146 Tel. 916- 319-2046 Staff: Emilia Zamani emilia.zamani@asm.ca.gov	CWDA SUPPORT	IHSS – This bill would clarify that the department is required to provide translations of written content, as defined, in languages spoken by a substantial number of providers of in-home supportive services.	Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 1921- Maienschein (R) Room # 4139 Tel. 916-319-2077 Staff: Carli Olson carli.olson@asm.ca.gov	WCLP CCWRO CWDA SUPPORT	CalWORKs Homeless Assistance – This bill would allow that temporary homeless assistance may be used consecutively. It would also authorize payments for permanent housing for shared housing with a sublease, or shared housing agreement.	Next Step – Senate Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm Room 3191

<p>AB 1952– Mayes (R) Room # - 4098 Tel. 916- 319-2042 Staff: Leigh Kammerick Leigh.Kammerich@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>WCLP, CCWRO</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalFresh - This bill would require the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Public Health, the CDE, and the Department of Food and Agriculture, to develop a plan to end hunger.</p>	<p>Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>AB 1957– Berman –(D) Room # 6011 Tel. 916- 319-2024 Staff: Elizabeth Schmitt elizabeth.schmitt@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>WCLP, CCWRO CAFB</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalFresh & CalWORKs – This bill would provide for privacy protections and other rights for public benefit beneficiaries choosing to use electronic communication options.</p>	<p>Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>AB 1992 Chu (D) Room # 3126 Tel. 916-319-2025 Staff: Annie Pham annie.pham@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>WCLP CCWRO</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalWORKs – CalWORKs Immunization – This bill would give applicants and recipients up to 180 days to provide verification of immunization for children under 6 years of age.</p>	<p>Next Step Senate Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm Room 3191</p>
<p>AB 2030– Limón (D) Room # 5150 Tel. 916- 319-2037 Staff: Israel Landa israel.landa@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>CCWRO WCLP</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalWORKs & CalFresh – This bill would require that the need for ADA and DV accommodation be flagged on the first page of the case.</p>	<p>Next Step Senate Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm Room 3191</p>
<p>2066 – Mark Stone – (D) Room # 3146 Phone: 916-319-2029 Staff: Arianna Smith arianna.smith@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>California EITC – This bill would make certain improvements in the California EITC system.</p>	<p>Held Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>AB 2111– Quirk (D) Room # 2163 Phone: 916-319-2020 Staff: Matthew Canty matthew.canty@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalWORKs – This bill requires the county to reconsider the sponsored alien indigence exception every 12 months.</p>	<p>Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee</p>

<p>AB 2122– Reyes (D) Room # 32175 Tel. 916- 319-2047 Staff: Matthew Hamlett matthew.hamlett@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>Environmental Work Group</p> <p>CCWRO</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Medi-Cal-Lead Testing – This bill would require the DHCS to ensure that a child enrolled in Medi-Cal receives blood lead screening tests at 12 and 24 months of age, and that a child 2 to 6 years of age, inclusive, receives a blood lead screening test if there is no record of a previous test.</p>	<p>Next Step Senate Committee on Health June 27, 2018 1:30 pm Room 4203</p>
<p>AB 2152– Weber (D) Room # - 3123 Tel. 916- 319-2079 Staff: Sawact Seyoum Sawact.Seyoum@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>CCWRO WCLP</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalFresh – This bill would require the DSS to define the number of days that someone would experience hunger before they would be determined “unfit for work,” and, therefore, exempt from the ABAWDS work requirements.</p>	<p>Next Step Senate Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm Room 3191</p>
<p>AB 2269– Lackey – (R) Room # 2148 Tel. 916-319-2036 Staff: Amanda Hernandez amanda.hernandez@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>CCWRO WCLP</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalWORKs –This bill would allow a CalWORKs child to complete his or her high school studies if they are in the last year of school and under 20 years of age.</p>	<p>Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>AB 2297 – Arambula (D) Room # 5155 Phone: 916-319-2031 Staff: Marla Cowan marla.cowan@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>CCWRO WCLP</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalFresh –This bill would give an additional \$15 to households (HH) with special food needs and add \$28 for all CalFresh HHs.</p>	<p>Next Step Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>2313– Mark Stone – (D) Room # 3146 Phone: 916-319-2029 Staff: Sandra Nakagawa Sandra.nakagawa@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>CCWRO WCLP</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalWORKs – This bill would make sure that EBT benefits stolen by hackers would not result in economic loss to CalWORKs families.</p>	<p>Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>AB 2326– Rubio (D) Room # 5175 Tel. 916- 319-2048 Staff: Denise Barajas denise.barajas@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>CCWRO</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalWORKs – This bill would exempt any parent with a child under 2 years from WtW. The exemption notice of action would come with a form to allow the parent to volunteer to participate in a WtW activity of their choice.</p>	<p>Next Step Senate Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm Room 3191</p>
<p>AB – 2626 - Mullin (D) Room # 3160 Tel. 916- 319-2022 Staff: Miriam Farouk miriam.farouk@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Child Care – This bill provides that a family seeking employment homelessness or incapacitation shall receive services for 5 days per week at 6.5 hours per day and the family has an adjusted monthly income at or below 80% the state median income.</p>	<p>Next Step Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee Room 3191</p>

<p>AB 2637– O’Donnell (D) Room # 2196 Tel. 916- 319-2070 Staff: Christine Aurre christine.aurre@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>CWDA County of Los Angeles</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalWORKs – This bill, effective May 1, 2019, would make a child receiving CalWORKs aid who is not pregnant or parenting a child and who attains a high school diploma or its equivalent eligible to receive a one-time education support payment of \$500.</p>	<p>Next Step Held Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>AB 2872 – Carillo (D) Room # - 2160 Tel. 916- 319-2051 Staff: Brandon Seto brandon.seto@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>IHSS – This bill would require the department to designate the hours, per county, to compensate providers of in-home supportive services for peer-to-peer training, including how to enroll as a new provider and how to navigate the program.</p>	<p>Next Step Senate Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm Room 3191</p>
<p>AB 3033 - Maienschein (R) Room # 4139 Tel. 916-319-2077 Staff: Nadra Mamou nadra.mamou@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>CCWRO San Diego Anti-Hunger Coalition</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalFresh – This bill would provide that persons applying for medical assistance indicating that they also would like to apply for CalFresh would have their application transmitted to the county of residence prepopulated with information from the medical assistance application.</p>	<p>Next Step Held Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>AB 3200 – Karla (D) Room # 4005 Tel. 916-319-2027 Staff: Barry Brewer barry.brewer@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>WCLP</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>SSI – This bill would increase the SSI levels to 100% of the federal poverty level and would include an annual COLA.</p>	<p>Next Step Senate Human Services June 26, 2018 1:30 pm Room 3191</p>
<p>AB 3224– Thurmond (D) Room # 4005 Tel. 916-319-2015 Staff: Michael Lucien Jr. michael.lucien@asm.ca.gov</p>	<p>WCLP</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>CalWORKs – This bill would provide that only government employees can make eligibility determinations for public benefits programs.</p>	<p>Next Step Referred to Senate Floor</p>

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2018 Senate Human Services Committee Hearing Dates

SENATE BILLS - • April 10 • April 24

ASSEMBLY BILLS • June 12 • June 26

NOTE: All hearings at 1:30 pm

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2018 SENATE BILLS

Bill Number Author	Sponsor	Bill Description	Next Steps
<u>SB 726 - Wiener (D)</u> Room # 5064 Phone: 916-651-4011 Staff: Brayden Borcharding Brayden.Borcharding@sen.ca.gov	WCLP CCWRO SUPPORT	CalFresh & CalWORKs – This bill would make changes in the threshold amounts for overpayment collections.	Next Step Assembly Human Services Committee June 12, 2018 1:30 pm -Rm.437
<u>SB 900 - Wiener (D)</u> Room # 5064 Phone: 916-651-4011 Staff: Taryn Smith taryn.smith@sen.ca.gov	CFPA SUPPORT	CalFresh- would enable the CalFresh EBT system to integrate supplemental nutrition benefits that incentivize California-grown produce purchases. This legislation would pilot community-based initiatives to earn and redeem supplemental nutrition benefits via EBT at grocery stores and farmers' markets..	Next Step Assembly Human Services Committee June 26, 2018 1:30 pm -Rm.437
<u>SB 926 - Skinner– (D)</u> Room # 2059 Phone 916-651-4009 Staff: Elle Chen Elle.Chen@sen.ca.gov	WCLP SUPPORT	CalWORKs – This bill would provide working CalWORKs recipients with certain protections from WtW sanctions because of work related issues.	Next Step Assembly Human Services Committee June 26, 2018 1:30 pm -Rm.437
<u>SB 982- Mitchell (D)</u> Room # 5080 Phone 916-651-4030 Staff: Bridget Kolakovsky Bridget.kolakovsky@sen.ca.gov	CCWRO CWDA WCLP CCDF SUPPORT	CalWORKs – SB 982 would assure that no CalWORKs family would have a cash aid grant that is less than 50% of the federal poverty level.	Next Step Assembly Human Services Committee June 26, 2018 1:30 pm -Rm.437
<u>SB 1041 - Leyva– (D)</u> Room # 4061 Phone 916-651-4020 Staff: Nicholas Romo Nicholas.romo@sen.ca.gov	Environ- mental Work Group CCWRO SUPPORT	Lead Testing –This bill would require the information to include a lead screening report aggregated to show the total number of children enrolled in Medi-Cal, and not enrolled in Medi-Cal, broken down by county and age, who have received blood lead screening tests.	Next Step Assembly Committee on Health June 26, 2018 1:30 pm -Rm.4202
<u>SB 1446 - Glazer – (D)</u> Room # 5108 Phone 916-651-4007 Staff: Miguel Mauricio miguel.mauricio@sen.ca.gov		CalWORKs – This bill provides that any person meeting the federal work participation shall not be sanctioned.	Next Step Assembly Human Services Committee June 26, 2018 1:30 pm -Rm.437

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CalWORKs Grant Levels Effective April 1, 2019

2018-2019 State Budget CalWORKs 10% Grant Increase Impact									
	2018 v. 2019 Region #1				2018 v. 2019 Region #2				
Family Size	MAP for Region #1 2018	% 2018 FPL	MAP for Region #1- Eff. 4-19	\$ Increase	MAP for Region # 2 2018	% 2018 FPL	MAP for Region 4-19	\$ Increase	\$ Increase
1	\$ 355	35%	\$ 391	\$ 36	336	33%	\$ 370	\$ 34	
2	\$ 577	42%	\$ 635	\$ 58	549	40%	\$ 604	\$ 55	
3	\$ 714	41%	\$ 785	\$ 71	680	39%	\$ 748	\$ 68	
4	\$ 852	41%	\$ 937	\$ 85	810	39%	\$ 891	\$ 81	
5	\$ 968	39%	\$ 1,065	\$ 97	922	38%	\$ 1,014	\$ 92	
6	\$ 1,087	39%	\$ 1,196	\$ 109	1035	37%	\$ 1,139	\$ 104	
7	\$ 1,195	42%	\$ 1,315	\$ 120	1136	40%	\$ 1,250	\$ 114	
8	\$ 1,301	41%	\$ 1,431	\$ 130	1239	39%	\$ 1,363	\$ 124	
9	\$ 1,407	40%	\$ 1,548	\$ 141	1340	38%	\$ 1,474	\$ 134	
10	\$ 1,511	39%	\$ 1,662	\$ 151	1438	37%	\$ 1,582	\$ 144	

2018 California State Legislature Schedule

June 4 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)). June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).

June 28 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 6 General Election ballot (Elections code Sec. 9040). June 29 Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(b)(13)).

July 4 Independence Day. July 6 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(14)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 6 Legislature Reconvenes (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 17 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

Aug. 20-31 Floor Session only. No committees, other than Conference and Rules Committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

Aug. 24 Last day to amend on the floor (J.R. 61(b)(17)).

Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills, except bills that take effect immediately or bills in Extraordinary Session (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c), (J.R. 61(b)(18)). Final Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).

Nov. 6 General Election Nov. 30 Adjournment Sine Die at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

Dec. 3 12 Noon convening of the 2019-2020

CCWRO Services for IOLTA Qualified Legal Services Field Programs

CCWRO - 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.
- Provides 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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