



CCWRO Human Services Bill & Budget Action Tracker

#2025-10, November, 2025



A New Attack on the Poor Launched from Congress

The 2025 Legislative Session is over. This was a bad budget year, but unlike other years, this enacted budget did not attack poor families of California and cuts were not proposed by the Newsom Administration. For that we are grateful. But the fight goes on. New challenges have arrived.

H.R. 1, the Big Ugly Bill passed by Congress, also known as [P.L. 119-21](#), decimates the safety net for Americans. It takes a major blow to health and food stamps, also known as SNAP or CalFresh in California.

Below is a table of the impact on the CalFresh program of California.

HR 1 Cut	Effective Date	Californians Impacted	Dollars taken away from Californians
ABAWDS – Limiting food assistance to three months for families with children over the age of 14 and adults without children	11/25	400,000 or more victims of HR 1	\$499.1 million
Stopping Food Assistance Noncitizens Legally Living in the USA	11/25	74,000 victims of HR 1	\$133 million
Limiting the Standard Utility Deduction	11/25	18,000 will stop getting benefits and 444,000 households will get less food	183 million
Payment Error Rate – California's current error rate is above 10%. In 2027 if the State has an error rate above 10%, the State will have to match 15% of the CalFresh benefits costs, which today are \$14 billion a month.	2027	5.5 million people	\$2.1 billion
Administrative funding federal matching will be reduced from 50% federal matching to 25% federal matching	10/27		\$685.2 million

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2025 Committee Hearing Dates		
Hearing Date	Amendments Due in Legislative Counsel Form (12:00 p.m.)	Support/Opposition Letters Due (5:00 p.m.)
March 11, 2025	March 4, 2025	March 5, 2025
March 25, 2025	March 18, 2025	March 19, 2025
April 8, 2025	April 1, 2025	April 2, 2025
April 29, 2025	April 22, 2025	April 23, 2025
June 17, 2025	June 10, 2025	June 11, 2025
July 1, 2025	June 24, 2025	June 25, 2025
July 15, 2025	July 8, 2025	July 9, 2025

Note: It's important to check the Assembly Human Services Committee's [website hearing page](#) to determine or the [Daily File](#) to determine what bills will be heard on which days.

Assembly Human Services Bills

All Support/Oppose letters must be submitted [here](#)

Bill Number Author	Sponsor	Bill Description	Next Steps
AB 42 – Bryan • Phone – 916-319-2055 • Room # 5630 • Staff- Osaze Osayande Osaze.Osayande@asm.ca.gov	CCWRO u*aspire WCL&P	This bill would exempt most non-means tested student loans and grants as income for CalFresh and CalWORKs.	Signed Chapter 430 
AB 79 – Arambula • Phone – 916-319-2031 • Room # 6310 • Staff- Sana Jassery Sana.jassery@asm.ca.gov	CAFB CCWRO CHC u*aspire	This bill would enhance how county welfare departments cooperate with student basic needs representatives.	Signed Chapter 607 
AB 320- Bennett • Phone – 916-319-2038 • Room # 4710 Hannah Elson hannah.elson@asm.ca.gov	Los Angeles County Office of Education	This bill would exempt any compensation received by a high school pupils who is receiving public benefits to the extent permitted by federal law.	Signed Chapter 686 
AB 363 - Bryan • Phone – 916-319-2055 • Room # 5630 Staff – Kenneth Cruz kenneth.cruz@asm.ca.gov	Community College Chancellors Office	This bill would authorize program payments to an employer for work-study to pay 100% of the wage for the work-study positions.	Next Stop – Held in Assembly Appropriations
AB 461 -Ahrens • Phone – 916-319-2026 • Room # 4640 Staff – Robert Silver Robert.silver@asm.ca.gov	CCWRO CPEDV EPIC GRACE PV SEIU WCL&P	This bill would repeal the current CalWORKs truancy sanctions	Signed Chapter 157 
AB 553 – Caloza • Phone – 916-319-2052 • Room # 5620 Staff – Omar Hashemyan Omar.Hashemyan@asm.ca.gov	CCWRO HungerActionLA	The bill would make technical changes in current law.	Signed Chapter 686 
AB 593 – Wicks • Phone – 916-319-2014 • Room # 8140 Staff – Zak Castillo-Krings Zak.Castillo-Krings@asm.ca.gov	Author	Limits CalFresh data sharing from, and to, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).	Signed Chapter 698 

AB 607 - Celeste Rodriquez • Phone – 916-319-2043 • Room # 4320 Staff – Krystal Moreno Krystal.moreno@asm.ca.gov	CWDA Children Now	This bill would extend the time on the CalWORKs home visiting program to at least 24 months up to 3-year-old.	Signed Chapter 376 
AB 661 - Alex Lee • Phone – 916-319-2024 • Room # 6330 Staff – Andrew White Andrew.White@asm.ca.gov	EPIC GRACE NCJW WCL&P	This bill would require CDSS to recommendations on how to design a statewide Guaranteed Income Program.	Held in Assembly Appropriations
AB 680 – Ahrens • Phone – 916-319-2026 • Room # 6110 Staff – Martin Bui Martin.Bui@asm.ca.gov	Children's Alliance	This bill would require the county, before terminating AFDC-FC payment, to review to see if they are eligible for another type of AFDC-FC benefits.	Held in Assembly Appropriations
AB 936- Lee • Phone – 916-319-2024 • Room # 6330 Staff - Bri-Anna Hernandez bri-ann.hernandez@asm.ca.gov		This bill would rename the California Fruit & Vegetable Supplemental program to the CalFresh Fruit Vegetable Supplemental program and delete the current sunset provision.	Held in Assembly Appropriations
AB 969- Celeste Rodriquez • Phone – 916-319-2043 • Room # 4320 Staff – Brenda Cisneros-Larios Brenda.Cisneros-Larios@asm.ca.gov	CCWRO CPEDV EPIC GRACE Parent Voices SEIU WCL&P Women's Foundation, CA	This bill would empower survivors of domestic violence to get CalWORKs waivers to the extent permitted by federal law and empower them to request said waivers on-line or on a state form.	Signed Chapter 386 
AB 1049- Celeste Rodriquez • Phone – 916-319-2043 • Room # 4320 Staff – Brenda Cisneros-Larios Brenda.Cisneros-Larios@asm.ca.gov	CIPC NourishCA	This bill would delete the sponsored alien deeming for the CFAP program.	Next Stop – Two-Year Bill
AB 1074 - Patel • Phone – 916-319-2076 • Room # 5140 Staff – Eli Lanet Eli.Lanet@asm.ca.gov	WCL&P CCWRO	This bill would make positive changes, such as ending immunization penalties for children removed by CPS and eligible for CalWORKs 6-month continued aid for families.	Vetoed 
AB 1161 - Harabedian • Phone – 916-319-2041 • Room # 4350 Staff – Alicia Hatfield Alicia.Hatfield@asm.ca.gov	WCL&P	This bill would require continues eligibility for beneficiaries of CalFresh, CalWORKs, IHSS, CAPI, CFAP, who have been displaced by, or who has otherwise been affected by, a state of emergency or a health emergency.	Held in Assembly Appropriations

AB 1211 - Sharp-Collins • Phone – 916-319-2079 • Room # 4130 Staff – Ariana Khateeb Ariana.Khateeb@asm.ca.gov	SEIU CCWRO	This bill would triggered additional state food benefits if the federal government made reductions to SNAP that would cause food insecurity.	Next Stop – Two-Year Bill
AB 1324 - Sharp-Collins • Phone – 916-319-2079 • Room # 4130 Staff – Ariana Khateeb Ariana.Khateeb@asm.ca.gov	CCWRO CPEDV EPIC GRACE PV SEIU WCL&P	This bill would repeal the 100-hour rule for CalWORKs two-parent applicants and improve requirements for self-employed CalWORKs applicants and beneficiaries.	Vetoed 
AB 1357 - - Celeste Rodriguez • Phone – 916-319-2043 • Room # 4320 • Phone – 916-319-2079 • Room # 4130 Staff – Jenilee Fermin Jenilee.fermin@asm.ca.gov	Economic Security California Action	This bill would repeal the exempt guaranteed income project benefits for CFAP, CAPI, Kin-GAP, Adoption Assistance with federal waivers, if needed.	Next Stop – Held in Senate Appropriations

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2025 Committee Hearing Dates

Hearing Date	Amendments Due in Legislative Counsel Form (12:00 p.m.)	Support/Opposition Letters Due (12:00 p.m.)	Time	Place
June 16, 2025	June 9, 2025	June 10, 2025	3 pm	2200
June 30, 2025	June 23, 2025	June 24, 2025	3 pm	2200

Senate Human Services Bills

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Bill Number Author	Sponsor	Bill Description	Next Steps
SB 65 – Wiener • Phone (916) 651-4011 • Room # 8620 • Staff: Elizabeth Schmitt Elizabeth.Schmitt@sen.ca.gov	Legislature	This bill is the 2025-2026 State Budget Bill	Senate Budget Committee
SB 271 – Reyes • Phone (916) 651-4029 • Room # 7210 • Staff: Mmeli Ugochukwu Mmeli.Ugochukwu@asm.ca.gov	Early Edge CA Student Senate for CCC UC student Ass. CalState Student Association	This bill would enhance the ways that students eligible for CalWORKs or former CalWORKs beneficiaries can access CalWORKs childcare.	Next Stop – Assembly Approps. Suspend File on 8-29-25
SB 290 – Smallwood-Cuevas • Phone (916) 651-4028 • Room # 6530 • Staff: Jasmine Prasab jasmine.prasab@sen.ca.gov	CCWRO CPEDV CWDA EPIC GRACE PV SEIU WCL&P	This bill would require counties to inform applicants and recipient of CalWORKs about immunization for their children and eliminate the current CalWORKs immunization punitive sanctions.	Next Stop – Two-Year Bill
SB 560 – Smallwood-Cuevas • Phone (916) 651-4028 • Room # 6530 • Staff: Jasmine Prasab jasmine.prasab@sen.ca.gov	CRPC WCL&P CCWRO SEIU Minsker Consulting	This bill would change the threshold for felony welfare fraud from \$950 to \$25,000 and \$5,000 for CalFresh and make other changes in public assistance welfare fraud system.	Next Stop – Two-Year Bill
SB 739 – Arreguín • Phone (916) 651-4007 • Room # 6710 • Staff: Carmen Ayon Carmen.Ayon@sen.ca.gov		This bill would require the CDSS to inquire of the ability of each county facility that serves CalFresh participants in the impacted area to provide timely and adequate service.	Next Stop – Held on Assembly Floor
SB 761 – Ashby • Phone (916) 651-4008 • Room # 8630 • Staff: Amaya Childes Amaya.Childes@sen.ca.gov		This bill would repeal the existing approval process for campus-based program and provide that any study at a public institution of higher education be considered as a state approved local education program that increases employability.	Vetoed 

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Hearings are estimated to last no longer than 2 hours**

2025 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

FIRST YEAR OF BIENNIUM

2025–26 REGULAR CALENDAR

Aug. 29 —Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(11)).

Sep. 1 —Labor Day observed.

Sep. 2-12 —Floor session only. No committees may meet for any purpose, except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

Sep. 5 —Last day to amend on the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

Sep. 12 —Last day for each house to pass bills. (J.R. 61(a)(14)). Interim Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

Oct. 12 —Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 12 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 12 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(1)). 2026

Jan. 1 —Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Jan. 5 —Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

(SOME DATES INCLUDED IN THIS CALENDAR ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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.

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 (CAI) • 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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