



CCWRO Human Services Bill & Budget Action Tracker #2025-05, May 15, 2025



May revise CalWORKs Analysis

The Governor's SFY 2025-2026 May revised budget was released on May 14, 2025.

In previous years, when the State had a major deficit, CalWORKs was on the chopping block. Grants were reduced to balance the state budget on the backs of CalWORKs families.

In this May Revision, CalWORKs was not put on the chopping block. We are indeed grateful for that.

It should be noted that while less than 33% of the state budget is for health and human services programs, 50% the cuts in May revision was taken out of health and human services programs.

There were major cuts for immigrant health care programs in the May revise.

In the May revise, according to Governor Newsom, schools received a 2.3% COLA, while CalWORKs families, living on an average cash aid payment that is less than 50% of the federal poverty level only received 0.2% COLA.

Finally, it should be noted that CalWORKs will be contributing over \$3 billion to the State General Fund for SFY 2025-2026

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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

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Assembly Human Services Bills

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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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-26-25 Vote 7-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File	
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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-11-25 Vote 6-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File	
AB 227 - Gabriel • Phone – 916-319-2046 • Room # 8230 • Staff- Nicole Vasquez Nicole.vasquez@aswm.ca.gov	Legislature	State Budget Bill	Assembly Budget Committee	
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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-11-25 Vote 6-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File	
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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-26-25 Vote 7-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File.	
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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-26-25 Vote 7-0 Passed Approps – 4-9-25- Vore 14-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File	
AB 593 – Wicks • Phone – 916-319-2014 • Room # 8140 Staff – Zak Castillo-Krings Zak.Castillo-Krings@asm.ca.gov	Author	CalFresh spot bill	Referred to Human Services	
AB 607 - Celeste Rodriguez • 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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-26-25 Vote 5-2 Next Stop – Assembly Approps.	
AB 661 - Alex Lee • Phone – 916-319-2024 • Room # 6330 Staff – Andrew White Andrew.White@asm.ca.gov	EPIC GRACE NCJW	This bill would require CDSS to recommendations on how to design, fund, and	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-26-25 Vote 7-0 Next Stop –	

	WCL&P	implement a permanent, statewide Guaranteed Income Program.	Assembly Approps suspense File
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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-26-25 Vote 7-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File
AB 890 - Lee • Phone – 916-319-2024 • Room # 6330 Staff - Bri-Anna Hernandez bri-ann.hernandez@asm.ca.gov		CalFresh spot bill.	Passed Assembly Human Services 4-9-25 Vote 6-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File
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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 3-26-25 Vote 6-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps
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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 4-8-25 Vote 6-0 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File
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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 4-8-25 Vote 5-1 Next Stop Assembly Approps suspense File
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 whose children have been removed by child protective services and are in Family Reunification.	Passed Assembly Human Services 4-8-25 Vote 5-1 Next Stop Assembly Approps suspense File
AB 1161 - Harabedian • Phone – 916-319-2041 • Room # 4350 Staff –Alicia Hatfleild	WCL&P	This bill would require continues eligibility for beneficiaries of CalFresh,	Passed Assembly Human Services 4-8-25 Vote 5-1

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AB 1211 - Sharp-Collins • Phone – 916-319-2079 • Room # 4130 Staff – Taylor Valmores Taylor.Valmores@asm.ca.gov	SEIU CCWRO	This bill would triggered additional state food benefits if the federal government made reductions to SNAP benefits that would result in the level of CalFresh benefits being lower than the threshold.	Passed Assembly Human Services 4-8-25 Vote 5-1 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File
AB 1324 - Sharp-Collins • Phone – 916-319-2079 • Room # 4130 Staff – Taylor Valmores Taylor.Valmores@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.	Passed Assembly Human Services 4-29-25 Vote 5-2 Next Stop – Assembly Approps suspense File

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2025 Committee Hearing Dates		
Hearing Date	Time	Place
March 11, 2025	3 pm	2200
March 25, 2025	3 pm	2200
April 7, 2025	3 pm	2200
April 21, 2025	3 pm	2200
May 5, 2025	3 pm	2200
May 19, 2025	3 pm	2200
June 2, 2025	3 pm	2200
June 16, 2025	3 pm	2200

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<u>SB 65 – Wiener</u> • Phone (916) 651-4011 • Room # 8620 • Staff: Elizabeth Schmitt <u>Elizabeth.Schmitt@sen.ca.gov</u>	Legislature	This bill is the 2025-2026 State Budget Bill	Senate Budget Committee
<u>SB 271 – Reyes</u> • Phone (916) 651-4029 • Room # 7210 • Staff: Mmeli Ugochukwu <u>Mmeli.Ugochukwu@asm.ca.gov</u>	<u>Early Edge CA Student Senate for CCC UC student Ass. CalState Student Association</u>	This bill would enhance the ways that students eligible for CalWORKs or former CalWORKs beneficiaries can access CalWORKs childcare.	Senate Education Committee 4-2-25 – Vote 7-0 Next Stop – Senate Approps suspense File
<u>SB 290 – Smallwood-Cuevas</u> • Phone (916) 651-4028 • Room # 6530 • Staff: Jasmine Prasab <u>jasmine.prasab@sen.ca.gov</u>	<u>CCWRO CPEDV CWDA EPIC GRACE PV SEIU WCL&P</u>	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.	Senate Human Services Committee 4-7-25 – Vote 5-0 Next Stop – Senate Approps suspense File
<u>SB 560– Smallwood-Cuevas</u> • Phone (916) 651-4028 • Room # 6530 • Staff: Jasmine Prasab <u>jasmine.prasab@sen.ca.gov</u>	<u>CRPC WCL&P CCWRO</u>	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.	Senate Human Services Committee 4-7-25 – Vote 4-0 Next Stop – Senate Approps suspense File
<u>SB 739 – Arreguín</u> • Phone (916) 651-4007 • Room # 6710 • Staff: Carmen Ayon <u>Carmen.Ayon@sen.ca.gov</u>		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.	Senate Human Services Committee 4-7-25 – Vote 5-0 Next Stop – Senate Approps suspense File
<u>SB 761 – Ashby</u> • Phone (916) 651-4008 • Room # 8630 • Staff: Amaya Childes <u>Amaya.Childes@sen.ca.gov</u>		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.	Senate Education Committee 4-7-25 – Vote 7-0 Next Stop – Senate Approps suspense File

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BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2 ON HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444

DSS – • Foster Care and Child Welfare Services • Governor Budget Proposals
DCSS • Program Updates and Priority Issues of Interest • Governor Budget Proposals

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444

California Health & Human Services Agency

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444

• California Health & Human Services Agency • CDSS - • IHSS • SSI/SSP • Housing & Homeless
• Program Updated & Priority Issues of Interest

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444

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(unless otherwise noted) Room 1200, 1021 O Street Building
Hearings are estimated to last no longer than 2 hours**

Thursday – March 20, 2025 @ 9:30 or upon adjournment

- Housing-Homelessness Programs • Immigration & Refugee Programs • IHSS • SSI/SSP • Adult Protective Services and 6. Community Care Licensing

Thursday – March 27, 2025 @ 9:30 or upon adjournment

- Medi-Cal Eligibility • Medi-Cal Benefits • CalAIM • Medi-Cal Home & Community Based Services

Thursday – April 3, 2025 @ 9:30 or upon adjournment

- Child Welfare and Foster Care • Child Care and Development

Thursday – April 24, 2025 @ 9:30 or upon adjournment

- Department of Child Support Services • Department of Community Services and Development

Thursday – May 8, 2025 @ 9:30 or upon adjournment

- CDSS Overview • CalFresh and Food Programs • CalWORKs • SUN Bucks • Automation

2025 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

FIRST YEAR OF BIENNIUM

2025–26 REGULAR CALENDAR

May 23 —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 9 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).

May 26 —Memorial Day observed.

June 2-6 —Floor Session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(7)).

June 6 —Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(a)(8)).

June 9 —Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).

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

July 4 —Independence Day observed.

July 18 —Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(10)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

Aug. 18 —Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

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 (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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