

Legislative Budget Proposal for 2021-22.

The respective Assembly and Senate Budget Committees are headed for a late night session to review the Legislatures agreed upon budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. Both bodies have spent the last two weeks evaluating the Governor's May Revise, hearing feedback from advocates, and making suggested changes to respective priorities for the FY 2021-22 Budget Act.

Below is an overview of the major changes from the Assembly and Senate's version of the budget for the Community Colleges taken from the committee's analysis. Key highlights include an increase in the COLA, a \$40 million increase in ongoing SWP funding, and the proposed elimination of CalBright.

1. Provides a 5.07% cost-of-living adjustment to apportionments, or \$397.2 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund.
2. Approves the May Revision proposal to eliminate deferrals created in the 2020 Budget Act.
3. Approves the May Revision support for 0.5% enrollment growth.
4. Approves the Governor's Budget proposal to provide \$150 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund for emergency financial aid.
5. Approves the Governor's Budget proposal to provide \$100 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support student basic needs.
6. Modifies the Governor's Budget proposal to provide \$30 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to support student mental health services and student technology needs, to only support student mental health services.
7. Approves the Governor's Budget proposal to provide \$20 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support faculty professional development.

8. Approves the Governor's Budget proposal to provide \$10.6 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to systemwide technology projects, such as online tutoring and counseling and electronic transcripts.
9. Approves the Governor's Budget proposal to add \$15 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to the California Apprenticeship Initiative.
10. Approves May Revision proposals to provide a 4.05% cost-of-living adjustment to the apprenticeship program.
11. Rejects the Governor's Budget and May Revision proposals regarding workbased learning.
12. Provides \$15 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund for zero-textbook cost degrees, with placeholder trailer bill language to allow funds to be used for popular courses, as well as degrees.
13. Approves all proposed Proposition 51 capital outlay projects and reappropriations in the Governor's Budget, April Finance letter, and May Revision. This includes 9 new projects and 32 continuing projects.
14. Rejects Governor's Budget and May Revision proposals to support dual enrollment costs.
15. Approves the Governor's Budget proposal for \$1 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to provide technical assistance to adult education regional consortia.
16. Provides a 4.05% cost of living adjustment for the adult education program.
17. Creates a new funding method for the adult education program by splitting funding between the California Department of Education and the Community College Chancellor's Office, and adopts placeholder trailer bill language.
18. Provides \$5.6 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support AB 1460 (CSU ethnic studies) and anti-racism efforts.
19. Approves the Governor's Budget proposal for \$8 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to support increased CENIC broadband costs.
20. Eliminates Calbright College, and adopts placeholder trailer bill language requiring the college to create a closure plan.

21.Provides increases to the following categorical programs:

- \$3.9 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for Umoja
- \$8 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for MESA
- \$7.3 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for Puente
- \$20 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for EOPS
- \$10 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for Financial Aid Administration

22.Provides \$171.4 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to increase the hiring of full-time faculty, and \$75 million to support part time faculty compensation and office hours.

23.Extends the hold harmless provision for the Student Centered Funding Formula by one year, to 2024-25.

24.Rejects the May Revision proposal to provide \$50 million ongoing Proposition 98 for vocational courses for English as a Second Language students.

25.Approves the May Revision proposal to increase support for the Student Equity and Achievement Program by \$23.8 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund.

26.Approves the May Revision proposal to support cost-of-living adjustments to the following categoricals: EOPS, campus child care, CalWORKS, DSPS, child nutrition and mandates block grant.

27.Approves the May Revision proposal to provide \$10 million one-time General Fund to develop a common course numbering system throughout the community college system, and if feasible, align the proposed common course numbering system with course numbering systems at the California State University and University of California.

28.Approves the May Revision proposal to increase funding for dreamer resource liaison positions by \$5.8 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund.

29.Approves the May Revision proposal to provide \$30 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to support basic needs centers at all community colleges, and adopts placeholder trailer bill language describing the centers and basic needs coordinator duties.

30.Approves the May Revision proposal to provide \$10 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to establish a workgroup for a competency based education pilot program.

31.Approves the May Revision proposal to provide \$1 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to modernize the CCC Registry to better enable centralized recruitment and resources. The CCC Registry is an online database of job opportunities for the California Community Colleges.

32.Rejects the May Revision proposal to provide \$10 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support Guided Pathways mapping through acquisition and implementation of software for community colleges that visualizes and clearly maps out curricular pathways for community college students.

33.Approves the May Revision proposal for \$4 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to expand the implementation of the systemwide technology platform for library services.

34.Approves the May Revision proposal to provide \$250 million federal funds for deferred maintenance, and also provides \$437 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund for deferred maintenance.

35.Modifies the May Revision proposal to provide \$150 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support Guided Pathways implementation by providing \$50 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund.

36.Rejects the May Revision proposal to create a \$50 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund COVID 19 Block Grant.

37.Approves the Governor's Budget proposal to provide \$100 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support student recruitment and retention strategies.

38.Approves the May Revision proposal to provide \$20 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to support equal employment opportunity practices.

39.Approves the May Revision proposal to provide \$20 million one-time Proposition to support the participation of community colleges in High Road Training Partnerships and regional partnerships funded by the California Workforce Development Board.

40.Approves trailer bill language to allow colleges to waive fees owed by students, rather than collecting owed fees from students and then reimbursing the students, specifically for the colleges electing to use federal funds to waive student fees.

41.Modifies the May Revision proposal to remove the sunset date for the CollegeBuys Program, allowing the continued procurement of goods and services in bulk for the community college system, instead extending the sunset date by one year.

42.Rejects proposed trailer bill language that would change practices with regard to establishing the tuition level for nonresident community college students.

These changes are still subject to negotiations between the Governor and Legislative leaders in the coming days. The Constitutional deadline to pass a budget is June 15 and the budget bill must be in print by June 12 to meet the 72 hour in print rule.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out. Hope everyone had a pleasant holiday weekend and is having a good week.

All the best,

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