California Public Benefits Legislative Bill & Budget Action Tracker #2017-09- May 26, 2017

**2017-2018 CalWORKs Dollars**
*(in billions)*


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<td>Total Funds Available for CalWORKs</td>
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<td>CalWORKs Unvoluntary Contribution to the State General Fund</td>
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**CalWORKs/SSI Budget Actions to Date**

1. $140 million to County Single Allocation for 2017-2018
2. $100 million for county nurse home visits to parents with children under 24 months of age living at 31% of the federal poverty level. NOTE: So, a $100 million dollar nurse comes to visit a CalWORKs mom living in deep poverty with a newborn, who has no money for diapers and no money to buy formula. How can the nurse help the mom? This may make sense once the families are not living in deep poverty. Would this mean more babies in foster care?
3. $3.7 million to interface OCAT with SAWS for 2017-2018
4. $55 million CalWORKs COLA & $45 million SSI COLA effective 1/1/2022

**Coming Events**

All bills must clear the Assembly and Senate Floor by the end of June 2, 2017

**Upcoming Committee Hearings**

- **Senate Human Services**
  - June 13, 2017
- **Assembly Human Services**
  - June 13, 2017


“State CalWORKs Child Abuse” Continues

CalWORKs families living on a fixed cash aid monthly payment that is equal to 31% of the federal poverty level (equal to deep poverty) will get $0.00 in the budget for 2017-2018 while welfare administrators will get over $250 million.
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June 13, 2017 @ 1:30 pm
June 27, 2017 @ 1:30 pm
July 11, 2017 @ 1:30 pm

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<td>AB 60</td>
<td>SUPPORT Factsheet Sample support letter</td>
<td>Child Care- This bill would provide for a 12-month certification period for Stage1,2 and 3 recipients.</td>
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<td>CCWRO WCLP SUPPORT Sample support letter</td>
<td>General Assistance - “Thank You for Your Service” – This bill would provide 12 months of general assistance to U.S. veterans unless the Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance saying the county will pay less than 12 months of General Assistance every 12 months.</td>
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<td>AB 160</td>
<td>WCLP CCWRO SUPPORT Sample support letter</td>
<td>CalWORKs - This bill would extend the 48-month clock to 60 months and increase the CalWORKs earned income disregards.</td>
<td>Held in Assembly Approps. Committee</td>
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<td>AB 164</td>
<td>CFPA SUPPORT Sample Support letter</td>
<td>CalFresh - This bill would authorize CDSS to issue state-funded CalFresh benefits if federal assistance is insufficient or unavailable.</td>
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<td>AB 167</td>
<td>CCWRO SUPPORT Sample Support letter</td>
<td>CalWORKs/CalFresh - This bill would require counties to use the SAR-7 form for annual redetermination replacing the SAWS2 and CF 37</td>
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<td>Tel. 916-319-2031 Staff: Marla Cowan <a href="mailto:marla.cowan@asm.ca.gov">marla.cowan@asm.ca.gov</a></td>
<td>Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program, a voluntary public health home visiting program to serve pregnant women and families with infants to support work and educational outcomes of these families.</td>
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<td>AB 1101</td>
<td>Tel. 916-319-2016 Staff: Paige Haskin <a href="mailto:Paige.haskin@asm.ca.gov">Paige.haskin@asm.ca.gov</a></td>
<td>CCWRO SUPPORT Sample support letter</td>
<td>CalWORKs –This bill would give IHSS applicants the option of applying in-person, by phone, by fax, by mail, or on-line, if the county is able to accept applications on-line.</td>
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<td>CalWORKs –This is a spot bill.</td>
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<td>AB 1520</td>
<td>Tel. 916-319-2062 Staff: Alayde Loredo-Contreras <a href="mailto:Alayde.LoredoContreras@asm.ca.gov">Alayde.LoredoContreras@asm.ca.gov</a></td>
<td>GRACE SUPPORT Sample support letter</td>
<td>The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to move toward reducing child poverty in this state by 50% over a 20-year period, from 2018–19 fiscal year (FY) and ending with the 2038–39 FY.</td>
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<td>AB 1604</td>
<td>Tel. 916-319-2046 Staff: Juan Reyes <a href="mailto:Juan.reyes@asm.ca.gov">Juan.reyes@asm.ca.gov</a></td>
<td>CalWORKs –This bill would give a CalWORKs participant of the WtW program the right to have get a GED (if he or she does not have a GED) unless the individual declines GED in writing.</td>
<td>Next Step - Senate Human Services</td>
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Senate Human Services Hearing date:
3-28-17; 4-4-17 & 4-25-17 @ 1:30 pm

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<td>SB 138</td>
<td>McGuire (D)</td>
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<td>School Meals – This bill would increase participation of low-income children in the school meal programs.</td>
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<td>SB 232</td>
<td>Bates (D)</td>
<td>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</td>
<td>CalWORKs - would require the State Department of Social Services to design and implement a pilot project under which monetary grants are provided to organizations operating programs that assist individuals receiving CalWORKs benefits achieve economic independence.</td>
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<td>SB 250</td>
<td>Hertzberg (D)</td>
<td>WCLP CCWRO</td>
<td>School Meals - This bill would prohibit schools from shaming kids for accessing federally funded school meals.</td>
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<td>SB 278</td>
<td>Wiener (D)</td>
<td>CCWRO WCLP</td>
<td>CalFresh. This bill would require DSS to establish minimum cost effectiveness standards for CalFresh overissuance recoupment.</td>
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<td>SB 282</td>
<td>Wiener (D)</td>
<td>CCWRO WCLP</td>
<td>CalFresh. This bill would require DSS to provide information to counties about restaurant meal programs. It would also require DSS to seek a federal waiver to use the 50% state match funds to pay subsidized jobs for ABAWDS.</td>
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<td>SB 360</td>
<td>Skinner</td>
<td>Passed</td>
<td>Passed the Senate</td>
<td>This bill would provide that the dollar amount of any overpayment or overissuance that occurred after the county knew or should have known about the overpayment or overissuance cannot be used for any criminal prosecution. The AU or HH would still have civil liability for the overpayment or the overissuance.</td>
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<td>SB 380</td>
<td>Bradford</td>
<td>Passed</td>
<td>Passed the Senate</td>
<td>This bill would exclude from the assistance unit a child for whom an adult in the assistance unit receives a payment of child support when an adult in the assistance unit has requested in writing that the child not be included in the assistance unit</td>
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<td>SB 570</td>
<td>Newman</td>
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<td>This bill would exempt benefits and related allowances received through the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs for education, training, vocation, or rehabilitation from consideration as income for determining eligibility for CalWORKs program benefits and available income for veterans and their spouses and dependents.</td>
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2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

May 29 - Memorial Day observed.

May 30-June 2 - Floor Session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(7)).

June 2 - Last day to pass bills out of house of origin (J.R. 61(a)(8)). 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.

July 14 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(a)(10)).

July 21 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11)).

Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

Aug. 21 - Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

Sep. 1 - Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

Sep. 4 - Labor Day.

Sep. 5-15 - Floor Session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

Sep. 8 - Last day to amend on the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(14)).

Sep. 15 - Last day for any bill to be passed J.R. 61(a)(15)). Interim Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

Oct. 15 - Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on
or before Sept. 15 and in the Governor’s possession after Sept. 15 (Art. IV, Sec.10(b)(1)).

CCWRO Services

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.
- 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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