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SENATE REPUBLICANS PROPOSE BALANCED BUDGET WITH NO TAX INCREASES

Plan Protects Education and Public Safety, Includes Reform to Prevent Future Deficits

SACRAMENTO – Senate Republicans today proposed a balanced budget plan that contains no new taxes and does not borrow from local government. They said their plan was the fiscally-responsible way to solve California’s budget problems, and includes long-term budget reform to fix a broken system.

“Senate Republicans today are stepping up to the plate and presenting a budget that is a road map to ending our state’s budget stalemate once and for all,” said Senate Republican Leader Dave Cogdill, of Modesto. “We believe our plan is the responsible way to balance the budget without raising taxes, while protecting education, public safety and health care for the poor. It includes reforms to eliminate the deficit and contains no borrowing.”

Key features of the Senate Republican budget plan include:

- Funds education next year at the same level proposed by both Governor Schwarzenegger and Senator Perata – \$57.9 billion.
- Contains no borrowing from local government, and takes no funds from either Proposition 1a or Proposition 42.
- Restores funding for doctors who provide health care services to the needy under the Medi-Cal program.
- Eliminates a dangerous early release proposal that would have resulted in thousands of felons being set free without being supervised by a parole officer.
- Includes a strict spending limit and strong rainy day reserve to help prevent future deficits from hurting Californians.

“Democrats have challenged us to produce a sound budget without borrowing from local governments or tax increases, and today Senate Republicans have responded to the challenge by proposing an honest budget that invests in the priorities of working families, while protecting taxpayers,” said Senate Budget Committee Vice-Chair Bob Dutton, R-Rancho Cucamonga. “Real people are counting on us to work together and put our differences behind us to pass a compromise budget that makes sense for California. We believe our budget meets that test.”

“Republicans have routinely said that the budget can be balanced without tax increases,” said Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines, of Fresno. “The Senate Republican budget proposal proves that we can craft a responsible balanced state budget that doesn’t burden California’s hardworking families with higher taxes and reforms our budget system to prevent future deficits.”

Senate Republicans said that their plan was an honest and realistic budget compromise.

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“No Tax Increase Budget”

Changes to Governor’s August Revise

Eliminate Tax Increases in Governor’s August Revised

Remove sales tax increase	-\$4,100
Remove Fire Tax	-\$50
Remove tax increase to home owners and renters	-\$55

Restorations

Corrections – eliminate proposal for early release of criminals	-\$140
Law Enforcement – restore critical law enforcement funding (COPS & Juvenile Justice)	-\$14
Restore special distribution funds	
Medi-Cal rate restorations	-\$100

Accept some of the Governor’s additional revenue proposals

LLC – Reduce penalty from 50% to 10%	+\$360
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Additional Revenues

July “Boost”	+\$130
RDA	+\$349

Education

Securitize lottery to bring education to Governor’s level (Governor’s January proposal included securitization of the lottery)	+\$1,984
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Additional reductions

Accept Governor’s Spending reductions	+\$1,383
Accept LAO and Democrat spending reductions	+\$109
Additional reductions	+\$123

Total Reserve

\$1,037*

*Sen. Democrat reserve of \$993 million & Gov. reserve of \$1.058 billion are overstated by \$400 million - sales tax increase cannot be implemented by Sept. 1.

Budget Reform

- Spending Cap
- Strengthen Rainy Day Fund
- Mid-year cut authority
- Capture full “April Surprise”
- Require 2/3rd vote to withdraw from rainy day fund
- Prevent Legislature from adjourning until budget is passed

Economic Stimulus

- “High tech” fix on overtime
- Federal Conformity on high wage overtime exemption
- Runaway Production Tax Credit program
- Public Private Partnerships
- Worker schedule flexibility
- Expand healthcare options for workers
- Provide regulatory relief

ALL Current Year and Budget Year Solutions

(Dollars In Thousands)

2008-09

ORG	Public Agency/Program description	General Fund	Source	Public Comments
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Legislative, Judicial, and Executive

Courts/ Judicial				
0250	Court Appointed Counsel for Dependency Cases	-\$1,700	SRFO	Delays implementation of new program whereby courts appoint counsel in dependency cases. Historically, counties pay these costs.
Office of the Inspector General				
0552	Executive/Administration	-\$202	Gov	10 percent across-the-board.
0552	Bureau of Audits & Investigations	-\$761	Gov	Subcommittee accepted part of the reduction (\$709,000) and rejected the rest to maintain number of adult and juvenile institution, warden, and superintendent audits (combo-audits) that can be accomplished in a year.
Office of Planning and Research				
0650	Cesar Chavez Grants	-\$2,500	SRFO	Instead of a 10 percent reduction, the LAO proposed to suspend the statutory appropriation for 2 years.
State Controller				
0840	Delete funding for modular furniture replacement	-\$996	SRFO	Replacing existing furniture at the Cannery Business Park (C Street, Sacramento) would not negatively impact the Controller's ability to carry out Constitutional responsibilities.
Board of Equalization				
0860	Delay E-Services Expansion	-\$1,738	SRFO	Though expanding E-services for tax payer use is laudable, this expansion could wait a year or two. BOE indicates that momentum and enthusiasm that has been gained by taxpayers and BOE staff alike would be impacted. Increased revenues would not exceed expenditures until 2011-12.
Subtotal, Legislative, Judicial and Executive		-\$7,897		

State and Consumer Services				
California Science Center				
1100	CA African American Museum	-\$249	Gov	Governor's Proposal - 10 percent - reduce public exhibitions curators, rental and shipping, professional services and related public notifications.
1100	Delay Expansion of California African American Museum	-\$200	SRFO	Expanding the museum could be delayed at this time in light of budget crisis.
Department of Fair Employment and Housing				
1700	Division of Enforcement	-\$820	Gov	Remaining funding should be sufficient for this program. Cases would still be investigated and laws would continue to be enforced. Department would still have 145 positions to support program and \$16.8 million General Fund.
Franchise Tax Board				
1730	ReadyReturn Tax Return Filing Program	-\$150	SRFO	This service, free tax preparation and online filing, is currently provided by private sector tax service providers such as FreeFile Alliance.
Department of General Services				
1760	Delay additional capitol maintenance and repair projects for future years.	-\$2,000	SRFO	One option to save money would be to delay maintenance projects for a year. Total funding in Governor's Budget at DGS = \$7.9 million.
Subtotal, State and Consumer Services		-\$3,419		

BT&H					
Secretary for BT&H					
0520		Small Business Loan Guarantee Program	-\$832	SRFO	Use interest on small business fund instead of GF. Maintains current level of funding in the program budget.
Department of Housing and Community Development					
2240		Office of Migrant Services (LA)	-\$343	Gov	Proposal may result in a consolidation of migrant centers but if additional federal funds are available, this would be avoided. Department would maintain funding of \$6.2 million GF and 20 migrant centers.
2240		Emergency Shelter Program (SO)	-\$401	Gov	Total General Fund support remaining \$3.6 million
Subtotal, BT&H			-\$1,576		

Resources Agency				
California Conservation Corps				
3340	Training and Work Program	-\$3,220	Gov	Reduce Corpmember's work week from 40 to 35 hours, increase monthly maintenance fee assessed to residential (No Suggestions) from \$300 to \$325, eliminate 50 percent of General Fund provided to Local Corps, and eliminate three non-residential satellites.
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection				
3540	State Fire Marshal	-\$346	Gov	Eliminate Division Chief Position of the Code Development and Analysis Division and eliminate the Staff Services Manager II in the Executive Administration Division.
State Lands Commission				
3560	Mineral Resources Management	-\$335	Gov	Reduce oversight of royalty income and development of oil and gas leases.
3560	Land Management	-\$306	Gov	Decrease the Commission's ability to respond and participate in land title and boundary ownership determination requests from developer and local jurisdictions and ability to support litigation by the Attorney General for issues regarding state land ownership.
Department of Fish and Game				
3600	Hunting Fishing and Public Use	-\$1,189	Gov	The reduction would reduce funding for white seabass field sampling, the State Fisheries Evaluation Program, contract funding supporting the department's efforts in implementing the bottom trawl statute, decrease avian influenza funding and regional monitoring.
3600	Biodiversity program	-\$3,580	Gov	Reduction to funds could lead to consolidation of services which are already duplicative. There is already too much red tape surrounding THP reviews and other services under the umbrella of "biodiversity".
3600	Biodiversity Conservation	-\$5,400	SRFO	There are other programs across resource departments that receive general fund, special funds, and bond funds for this type of work.
California State Coastal Commission				
3720	Coastal Energy Program	-\$52	Gov	No permanent positions would be eliminated. This reduction would decrease the resources available for reviewing industrial and infrastructure projects.
3720	Administration and Program Support	-\$173	Gov	Reduce resources for the administration of the Coastal Management Program and the Coastal Energy Program.
Department of Water Resources				
3860	Central Valley Flood Board. Postpone creation of new board.	-\$1,800	SRFO	This new board will cost the state \$2 million GF annually. At a time when the state is facing a fiscal crisis, providing more General Fund to establish a new board is not appropriate.
Subtotal, Resources Agency		-\$16,401		

Environmental Protection Agency				
	State Water Resources Control Board			
3940		Total Maximum Daily Load	-\$10,000	SRFO
				Eliminate the remaining General Funding for TMDLs. These requirements put unnecessary burdens on agricultural activities.
Subtotal, Environmental Protection			-\$10,000	

Health and Human Services				
Department of Aging				
4170	Delay new state funds for Senior Legal Hotline	-\$200	LAO	Reverse state backfill of Federal grant funds, in light of fiscal crisis. There is about \$11 million provided for local legal services through various aging agencies.
4170	Special Projects	-\$3,361	Gov	Maintains \$37 million in the budget for a variety of programs to be allocated by local agencies according to their priorities
Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs				
4200	Non-Drug Medi-Cal Regular	-\$733	Gov	Reduce discretionary state funding
4200	Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program-Program Companion to Proposition 36	-\$2,000	Gov	This is a county responsibility per Prop 36
4200	Drug Medi-Cal	-\$8,846	Gov	Reduction in both local assistance and state support (5.3 positions). Local assistance reduction represents a 10 percent decrease to Drug Medi-Cal rates.
4200	Substance Abuse & Crime Prevention Act (Proposition 36)	-\$10,008	Gov	This is a county responsibility per Prop 36
4200	California Methamphetamine Media Campaign	-\$8,000	SRFO	Media campaign is in its third and final year of funding. Inappropriate to fund a media campaign when the other choice is eliminating vital services.

Department of Health Care Services				
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Psychology	-\$95	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Chiropractors	-\$196	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Allow HIV/AIDS Pharmacy Pilot program to sunset.	-\$1,039	LAO	The HIV/AIDS Pilot program was designed to test the effectiveness on patient outcomes of having pharmacists coordinate and monitor HIV/AIDS patients' therapeutic drug regimens. The LAO notes that providing direct services is a higher priority than the services covered by this pilot.
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Acupuncture	-\$1,400	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Delay implementation of Discount Prescription Drug Program	-\$5,870	SRFO	Delays implementation of a new program.
4260	Reinstate Quarterly Status Reports for parents	-\$3,798	Gov	It would require adult beneficiaries to provide eligibility information to the counties quarterly rather than every 6 months.
4260	Reduce Funding provided to Support Staffing for Caseload Growth Workload	-\$20,635	Gov	Reduces funding to counties.
4260	Stop Paying Part B Premiums for Unmet Share-of-Cost Beneficiaries	-\$5,367	Gov	It would eliminate state payment of Medicare Part B premiums for those individuals who have not met their share-of-cost requirements. Democrats modified Governor's proposal by exempting persons with a share-of-cost under \$500. This is what remains of the Governor's proposal.
4260	Restore Quarterly Status Reports	-\$13,900	Gov	Requires eligibility information to be provided to the counties quarterly rather than annually and would allow Medi-Cal to discontinue benefits for those no longer eligible for the program. Democrats approved Semi-Annual reporting. This is the difference between the QSR Savings and the Semi-Annual Savings.
4260	Reduce Level of Services for Illegal Immigrants and Legal Immigrants Residing in the Country for Less than 5 Years	-\$86,687	Gov MR	Aligns state Medi-Cal benefits with federal benefits for immigrants who have resided in the country less than 5 years.
4260	Rollback Recent Eligibility Expansions	-\$31,200	Gov MR	Rolls back a Medi-Cal eligibility expansion implemented in 2000.
4260	Ensure Illegal Immigrants Do Not Receive Statutorily Prohibited Services	-\$42,000	Gov MR	It would limit eligibility for illegal immigrants to the month in which emergency services are needed rather than providing illegal immigrants with annual eligibility. This will better ensure that illegal immigrants do not get services they are not entitled to.

4260	Extend 10% Provider Rate Reduction to Family Planning Providers	-\$5,476	Gov MR	Would reduce Family Planning provider rates by 10%, in accordance with the 10% provider rate reduction approved as part of Special Session.
4260	Reduce California Childrens Services Case Management by 10%	-\$2,683	Gov	Reduces funding to counties.
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Creams and Washes	-\$2,947	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Audiology	-\$1,729	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Optometrists	-\$509	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Speech Therapy	-\$110	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Podiatry	-\$855	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Reduce Benefits to the Federal Minimum - Opticians/ Optical Labs	-\$3,799	Gov	It would eliminate an optional benefit.
4260	Reduce Staffing for Dental IT System	-\$700	Gov	Systems change related to the elimination of the Adult Dental Benefit.
4260	Reduce funding for county administration of federal Deficit Reduction Act requirements.	-\$6,000	LAO	The LAO believes counties will be able to fully implement DRA with \$6 million less than originally anticipated.
4260	Delay 90% rate increase for FPACT	-\$30,258	SRFO	Rate increases went into effect Jan. 1, 2008 due to SB 94 (Kuehl, 2007). Effectively increases family planning provider rates by 90%.
Department of Public Health				
4265	Teen Smart Outreach	-\$91	Gov	Reduces state support of discretionary local program.
4265	Male Involvement Program	-\$115	Gov	Reduces state support of discretionary local program.
4265	AIDS Education & Prevention	-\$1,350	Gov	Governor proposed \$1.6 million reduction, which would have maintained \$30.4 million in total funding. Dems backfilled cut with \$1.35 million from DMH AIDS Program.
Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board				
4280	Increase Co-payments for Health Services	-\$1,900	Gov	Co-pays for families with incomes over 150% of FPL would increase from \$5 to \$7.50.
4280	Annual Benefit Limit for Dental Coverage - \$1,000	-\$1,300	Gov	It would set annual benefit level of \$1,000. 95% of users will remain unaffected. Democrats modified proposal to establish a cap of \$1,500. This is what remains.
4280	Healthy Families Program Premiums	-\$3,915	Gov	Premiums would increase between \$4 to \$7 for the first time since 1998. Premiums would make up no more than 1.25% of a families income. Democrats modified proposal to increase premiums between \$2 and \$4. These are the additional savings from taking the Governor's proposal.
4280	Certified application assistance payments	-\$4,700	LAO	It would reduce payments to organizations that assist persons with the enrollment process but would not impact services or benefits.

Department of Mental Health				
4440	Healthy Families Program	-\$52	Gov	It would reduce payments to counties for Administrative activities and state-only recipients (legal immigrants).
4440	Reduce the Community Treatment Facility Supplemental Rate	-\$750	Gov	Reduce the Community Treatment Facility Supplemental Rate
4440	Early Mental Health Initiative	-\$1,634	Gov	Maintains \$13.4 million in total funding.
4440	Managed Care	-\$18,450	Gov	Governor's Proposal. This is what remains of the proposal after the Democrats actions. This in addition to the democrats actions would reduce funding to Managed Care plans by 10%.
4440	EPSDT	-\$12,148	Gov	(Portion of Governor's proposal was passed; this is what remains). One reform - an additional rate reduction of 5% - would further reduce program costs.
Department of Community Services and Development				
4700	Naturalization Program	-\$2,700	SRFO	Discretionary program. Naturalization a federal responsibility and similar services are offered through CA Dept of Education
Department of Social Services				
5180	CalWORKs-Maintain 95 Percent of Grant Amount	-\$108,200	Gov MR	Grant reduction offset with additional food stamps. Action consistent with federal program requirements.
5180	Strategic Compliance Assessment for CalWORKs Recipients	-\$59,700	Gov MR	Proposal allows county workers to meet with non-compliant CalWORKs recipients every 6 months to determine strategy for compliance and identification of barriers.
5180	Regional Market Rate for Child Care Competitive at 75 percent	-\$19,400	Gov MR	Reimbursement rates for family child care providers would be 75 percent of regional market rate for private child care, allowing reimbursement consistent with average rate.
5180	Delay New County Pay-For-Performance Program	-\$10,000	Gov MR	Program has never been implemented.
5180	Enhance Earned Income Disregard For Compliant Recipients	-\$15,000	LAO	Proposal allows recipients to keep more of their earned income if meeting federal participation requirements, increasing the level of income for the household overall..

5180	County Adult Protective Services Program Funding	-\$6,122	Gov	Services provided at the county level. Maintains funding of approximately \$54 million.
5180	CalWORKs-Graduated Sanctions	\$18,589	Gov	Proposal would require recipients to meet program requirements are face fiscal sanctions.
5180	Conform Benefits for Fleeing Felons and Undocumented Immigrants	-\$176,883	Gov	This proposal would affect undocumented immigrants, fleeing and drug felons, and non-needy caretakers. Limits time on program to be consistent with other CalWORKs recipients.
5180	Compliance-based grants	-\$185,647	Gov	The proposal would require recipients that have been on the program for maximum time of five years (but are still receiving a cash grant for their children) to meet work participationrate requirements.
5180	Continued County Efforts for CalWORKs Work Participation	\$687	Gov	Provides resources for state department to conduct peer reviews and other performance oversight functions in order to improve program performance.
5180	One-Time Mailing Costs for Reform Proposal	\$174	Gov	These costs are for mailing out proposed CalWORKs program changes that would result in major General Fund savings and would increase the state's work participation rate.
5180	State Hearing Workforce Division	-\$337	Gov	Reduction of 19 positions would mean all hearings would now be conducted by telephone.
5180	Disability Determination Staff	-\$589	Gov	Reduction of 10.2 positions within the Disability Determination Service Division.
5180	County administration	-\$4,868	Gov	This proposal reduces county funding for administration of the In-Home Supportive Services Program.
5180	County Administration for Food Stamps	-\$5,771	Gov	This proposal reduces county funding for administration of the Food Stamps Program.

5180	State Support for IHSS Participant Share-of-Cost Suspended	-\$27,700	Gov MR	Recipients do not meet full Medi-Cal income eligibility requirements but are able to access benefits with a share of cost requirement.
5180	Child Welfare Services Allocation to Counties	-\$83,708	Gov	This proposal is a reduction in administrative funding.
5180	Revise State Participation in IHSS Wages	-\$186,600	Gov MR	State pays a significant portion of wages and benefits but has no control or part in the negotiations by counties and public authorities on those benefit levels.
5180	Maintain IHSS Service Hours for Critically Needy	-\$52,200	Gov MR	Eliminates domestic and related services for IHSS recipients with functional index rankings below 4. This proposal would maintain services to those most critically in need.
5180	Suspend State Only Program for Non-Federally Eligible Immigrants	-\$111,200	Gov MR	Proposal would provide consistency with federal program.
5180	Foster Care Specialized Care Increment at \$1,000 per month	-\$1,000	LAO	The specialized care increment varies widely by county, ranging from zero in three small counties to over \$2,000 per month in other counties. The proposal would cap the specialized care increment at a maximum rate of \$1,000.
5180	Adoption Assistance program grant, reform eligibility, and end automatic increases	-\$2,000	LAO	Currently, there is no means test of the adoptive parent, and all can qualify for state support after adoption. Proposal would seek to implement reform efforts while maintaining a level of program participation.

5180	Child Welfare Services- Cap Fully Loaded Social Worker Costs at \$155,000	-\$5,100	LAO	Caps county funding for costs of social workers. Currently, the fully loaded social worker cost per county ranges from \$72,788 to \$176,930, reflecting more than just cost of living differences by counties.
5180	SSI/SSP Couples Grants to 125 Percent of Federal Poverty Level	-\$69,500	LAO	Reduces the SSI/SSP grant. Total grant would be reduced from \$1,524 to \$1,458 per couple.
Subtotal, HHS		-\$1,461,581		

Corrections and Rehabilitation				
5225		Human Resources Support	-\$240	Dems Conference Committee adopted \$2.1 million of the Assembly's \$2.3 million reduction related to the rejection of a portion of the Administration's Human Resources Support budget change proposal, leaving \$240,000 of the Assembly's original reduction on the table.
5225		Substitute federal WIA funds for General Fund for adult parolee program support	-\$2,100	LAO The LAO has concluded that the Governor's pre-apprenticeship pilot projects and regional collaboratives have not proven to be highly effective and recommends redirecting funding from them to parolee employment programs, reducing General Fund support for parolee programs by a corresponding amount. In Conference, the Committee adopted \$7.2 million of the LAO's recommended \$9.3 million fund shift, leaving \$2.1 million related to Green Buildings that could still be transferred.
5225		Reject proposal to relocate dental/mental health headquarters	-\$3,100	LAO The LAO has concluded that the proposal far exceeds current needs. The proposal was approved in Conference, less \$1.9 million for future space needs.
5225		Delay Female Rehabilitative Community Correctional Centers	-\$34,200	SRFO This is a new proposal that should be delayed in light of the budget crisis.
Subtotal, Corrections			-\$39,640	

Education				
Department of Education				
6110	P98 minimum guarantee without sales tax increase	\$0	SRFO	Fully funds the P98 minimum guarantee. Reflects acceptance of every revenue assumption in the Senate Dems' Aug 29 budget package except the proposed one-cent sales tax increase. Includes both K-12 and Community College funding.
California State Library				
6120	CA Newspaper Project (locate, catalogue, and preserve old newspapers)	-\$12	Gov	Gov's 10% cut to "workload" funding level -- conference rejected 5%
6120	CA Newspaper Project - suspend program	-\$216	SRFO	This option would suspend the project altogether until the state's fiscal condition improves.
6120	Civil Liberties Public Education Program	-\$25	Gov	Gov's 10% cut to "workload" funding level has no effect on current grantees.
6120	English Acquisition & Literacy Program	-\$253	Gov	Gov's 10% cut to "workload" funding level -- conference rejected 5%
6120	English Acquisition & Literacy Program	-\$4,558	SRFO	This option would suspend the program altogether. English literacy instruction is available from other sources (K-12, adult education, community colleges, community groups, etc)
6120	Direct / Interlibrary Loans & California Library Services Act	-\$717	Gov	Gov's 10% cut to "workload" funding level -- conference rejected 5%
6120	Public Library Foundation Program	-\$718	Gov	Gov's 10% cut to "workload" funding level -- conference rejected 5%
CA Postsecondary Education Commission				
6420	CPEC State Operations	-\$334	Senate dems	Cuts CPEC's GF budget by 25% and signals an intent to begin phasing it out of existence. Any essential functions could be transferred to other agencies.
University of California				
6440	UC - Eliminate General Fund support of Labor Union Institute	-\$6,000	SRFO	The UC Labor Institute teaches union organizers how to run campaigns "to win victories for members and the union." UC should teach students and prepare them for the competitive global job market, not political campaigns.
Hastings College of the Law				
6600	Hastings unallocated reduction	-\$516	Gov	Senate budget subcommittee #1 rejected \$516K of the Gov's proposed \$872K reduction
Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges				
6870	CCC State Operations	-\$831	Gov	Senate budget subcommittee #1 rejected \$831K of the Gov's proposed \$1.031m reduction
Student Aid Commission				
7980	Phase out competitive CalGrants	-\$57,400	Gov	Would have no effect on existing competitive grantees nor on entitlement grantees. Rejected by both houses.
Subtotal, Education		-\$71,580		

