



May 30, 2024

The Honorable Scott Wiener, Chair
Senate Committee on Budget
and Fiscal Review
1020 N Street, Room 502
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
Assembly Committee on Budget
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The Honorable John Laird, Chair
Senate Subcommittee 1 on Education
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The Honorable David Alvarez, Chair
Assembly Sub. No. 3 on Education Finance
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Re: CABE & CalTog 2024-25 May Revision Budget Priorities

Dear Committee Chairpersons and Subcommittee Chairpersons:

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) and Californians Together (CalTog) appreciate the complex work you are undertaking to guide the state through a fiscal rebalancing while continuing to strive to protect public education. While many difficult decisions are being considered, CABE and Californians Together would like to offer our support to two of our policy/fiscal priorities, as well as three important programs included in budget discussions.

AB 2071 (J. Carrillo): Access and Equity for All English Learners

AB 2071 will ensure California is actively taking steps to implement the English Learner (EL) Roadmap in a more comprehensive and systematic manner by providing three-year incentive and support grants to high-EL impact local education agencies (LEAs) to engage in local planning and implementation efforts to enact the EL Roadmap. AB 2071 will additionally require the State Board of Education to create and adopt a "California English Learner Roadmap: Parent Toolkit," by December 31, 2025, which would be available to LEAs to assist them as they implement the CA EL Roadmap.

With such a significant number of ELs in California's schools, it is imperative that the State not only leads the nation with a strong policy but that it takes proactive measures to ensure this policy is being actively implemented in schools across the state. By providing funding for AB 2071, California's ELs will receive the support they need to succeed by providing their parents and families guidance through the EL Roadmap Parent Toolkit.

AB 2074 (Muratsuchi and Alvarez): English Learner Roadmap - Guiding Practices Statewide

AB 2074 (Muratsuchi and Alvarez) would task the CDE with developing a statewide implementation plan for the EL Roadmap with input from LEAs, teachers, parents, and other partners. Ultimately, by funding AB 2074 (Muratsuchi and Alvarez), California will continue to ensure that the vision to adequately serve English learners truly gets to the classroom.

Migrant Education Program, Migrant Education Program State-Level Programs, and English Language Acquisition Program - Item 6100-125-0890

CABE and Californians Together support an increase of \$18.8 million increase in federal Title I Part C Migrant Education Program funds to reflect an \$11 million increase in one-time carryover funds, and an ongoing increase of \$7.78 million to align with the federal grant award. The Migrant Education program provides significant support to numerous ELs across the state, helping them to attain English proficiency and meet grade-level academic standards.

Education of Newcomer Pupils (AB 714) – Item 6100-001-0001 Provision 115

CABE and Californians Together support an increased ongoing funding of \$321,000 and two positions to ensure this important program can continue to provide support to California’s newcomer students.

Dual Language Learner Implementation (AB 393) - 6100-001-0001 Provision 119

CABE and Californians Together support an ongoing increase of \$182,000 with a total increase of \$185,000 and one position to ensure the provisions of Dual Language Learner implementation can provide the much-needed support to students.

CABE and Californians Together thank you for your support of California’s English learners and the educators and professionals who work tirelessly to ensure their success. Should you have any questions regarding our requests, feel free to reach out to CABE Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker at jbaker@m-w-h.com or Californians Together Legislative Advocate Cristina Salazar at cristina@californianstogether.org.

Sincerely,



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