



California Association for Bilingual Education

Legislative and Budget Update

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Sacramento Update

While the Legislature passed a budget shell on June 14th, final negotiations with the “Big Three” (Governor, Senate President Pro Tempore and Assembly Speaker Rendon) are being finalized.

- Additional budget trailer bills continue to move through the Legislature and should be passed prior to the start of the fiscal year on July 1st.

All bills still moving forward are now in the other house and are being heard by July 14th in policy committees.

The Legislature will be going on their summer recess from July 14th through August 14th.

The Legislature will depart on their fall recess on September 14th, leaving all bills that pass to be acted upon by the Governor by October 14th.

CABE Co-Sponsored Bills

AB 1127 (Reyes): Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Grant Program –

Would bring back the BTPDP, which previously used a “grow your own” approach to address the bilingual teacher shortage by allowing eligible local educational agencies to apply for state funds in order to provide professional learning opportunities.

AB 370 (Addis): State Seal of Biliteracy –

Would update the criteria required to obtain the SSB to make it equitable for all students to obtain.

AB 393 (L. Rivas): Child Care Dual Learners –

Would develop a standardized process to identify DLLs enrolled in General Child Care Programs (CCTR) which use centers and family child-care home networks operated or administered by either public or private providers, including local K-12 and community college educational agencies. Data gained from standardized identification of DLLs will help to ensure that our youngest learners are supported and Early Learning teachers provide culturally, linguistically, and developmentally appropriate services for the children they serve.

2023-24 Final Budget: Overview

Totals

\$311.7 billion total budget

\$227 billion General Fund

\$37.2 billion in reserves

- \$3.2 billion – Special Fund for Uncertainties
- \$22.3 billion – Budget Stabilization Account
- \$10.8 billion – Public School System Stabilization Account

Revenue

\$198 billion anticipated 2023-24 General Fund tax revenue

- \$27 billion lower than previous year

\$42 billion anticipated in final October 15th tax receipts

2023-24 Final Budget: TK-12 Education

Proposition 98 Funding – Test One

\$110.6 billion for 2021-22

\$107.4 billion for 2022-23

\$108.3 billion for 2023-24

\$597 million above Test One guarantee in 2023-24, reflecting UTK enrollment growth

Local Control Funding Formula

\$3.4 billion increase, reflecting UTK implementation and 8.22 percent COLA

\$79.8 billion total LCFF funding

\$556.29 million COLA for statutorily-required programs

2023-24 Final Budget: CAFE Priorities

Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program –

\$20 million provided in preliminary budget agreement. Final funding and policy language will be in future budget trailer bill.

Long-Term English Learners –

The May Revision includes a change of definition, which CAFE opposed. It reduces the current amount of time that can be used to identify students making progress from six years to five years. The final language will be included in a future budget trailer bill.

Panel for Reading Difficulties for Screeners –

CAFE/CalTog proposed significant amendments and shared concerns over the Governor's proposal included in the May Revision. Those concerns include: reading difficulties among English learners; universal screening; the screening process; misidentification; the lack of translation; as well as an independent panel of experts. The final language will be included in a future budget trailer bill.