



Legislative Update

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Summary of Governor Brown's proposed budget for 2015-16 released January 9, 2015

Below please find a short budget summary based on the release of the governor's proposed budget today. CFT will be working over the next few weeks to obtain more detail and follow-up reports will be forthcoming.

State Budget

Governor Brown's proposed budget for 2015-16 includes increased funding for public education at all levels. For the second year in a row state revenues were higher than expected, which bodes well to restore some of the cuts lost to the Great Recession. However, we cannot ignore that much more needs to be done to bring our public schools and community colleges to a funding level that gives our students the resources they need to excel.

OVERVIEW

- \$113.3 billion general fund state budget. The budget assumes a \$4 billion increase in revenue through June of 2016.
- \$65.7 billion for Proposition 98 funding for schools. This is a 39% increase from four years ago.
- Total increase of \$7.8 billion in K-14 education from the 2014-15 adopted budget.
- Elimination of all remaining deferrals.
- No significant spending for new social service programs.
- \$2.4 billion from Proposition 2 (approved by voters in November 2015). Half of this will go to the rainy-day fund and half to pay down debt. The rainy day fund will total \$2.8 billion by June 2016.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- 1.58% COLA for capped child care programs. COLA was suspended for these programs from 2008-09 through 2014-15.
- Increase of 4,000 State Preschool slots with full-day wraparound care.
- Increase of \$33.5 million for rate adjustments.

K-12

- Total per-pupil expenditures from all sources projected to be \$13,462 in 2015-16.
- \$50.7 billion to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).
- 1.58% COLA for categorical programs outside LCFF.
- Repayment of all remaining deferrals.
- \$273.4 in one-time funding for the Emergency Repair Program.
- \$109,000 for County Offices of Education COLA under LCFF.
- \$59.5 million to support projected charter school ADA growth.
- \$15.3 million for Special Education ADA growth.
- \$250 million in one-time funding in each of the next three years for a transitional CTE Incentive Grant Program.
- \$1.1 billion in discretionary one-time funding for Common Core implementation.
- \$100 million in one-time funding for technology infrastructure
- \$10 million over a two-year period to address the teacher preparation and assessment.
- \$320.1 million in Proposition 39 funds (energy efficiency).
- No anticipation of the fiscal conditions that would trigger the cap on local reserves through 2018-19.
- The Administration will engage in a dialogue regarding potential caps on school district reserves in coming months.
- Proposed recommendations regarding new School Facilities Finance Program.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Funded COLA of 1.58%.
- Growth funding of additional of \$106.9 million which represents a 2% increase in FTES.
- \$200 million for Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) and Student Equity Plans.
- \$125 million increase in base allocation funding
- \$49 million to fund non-credit (or CDCP) rate equalization.
- \$48 million in one-time funds for Career Technical Education.
- \$29.1 million for expansion of Apprenticeship Programs.
- \$39.6 million for Proposition 39 (energy efficiency).
- \$94.5 million to fully retire deferrals
- \$353.3 million to pay down outstanding mandate claims.

UC/CSU

- \$120 million increase for UC on the condition that tuition remains flat.
- CSU will also receive a \$120 million increase as well as \$25 million in one-time money to help with degree completion programs.

ADULT EDUCATION

- \$500 million Proposition 98 General Fund for an Adult Education Block Grant.
- Block grant will fund courses in elementary and secondary basic skills, classes in citizenship, ESL, education programs for adults with disabilities, short-term CTE programs, and programs for apprentices.
- In addition, in order to ease the transition to the new program, funding will be provided to K-12 districts in the amount of their maintenance of effort for adult education. Future funding would depend on consortium plans and reporting.
- The \$500 million is proposed in addition to existing community college offerings and does not restrict adult education classes, whether credit or noncredit, currently funded through the base apportionment.

This report is the product of collaboration between the CFT Legislative and Research Departments.