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California Budget Crisis:

Updated Schedule of Final Round of Subcommittee Hearings As Budget Process Moves to Next Phase

Full Senate Budget Panel Will Meet Instead of Subcommittees on May 25th on Human Services, Mental Health and Child Care; May 26th on Health Including Developmental Services and May 27 on Education

SACRAMENTO, CALIF (CDCAN) [Updated 05/24/2010 01:10 PM (Pacific Time)] - Both houses of the Legislature will hold their final budget subcommittee hearings Tuesday and Wednesday (and if needed, Thursday) this week, taking final action on several of the Governor's major proposals impacting people with disabilities, mental health needs, the blind, seniors and their families, before the budget process heads to the next phase of "budget conference committee" hearings in early June.

The full Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will be meeting this week instead of its budget subcommittees, to take final action – though in the Assembly, their budget subcommittees will take final action this week.

State Senate Full Budget Panel Will Meet Instead of Subcommittees

- May 25th - In the State Senate, the full Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will meet tomorrow at 09:30 AM at the State Capitol in Room 4203 focusing on human service including mental health and childcare budget issues.
- May 26th - On Wednesday the full Senate budget panel will meet to hear health related budget issues including developmental services and take final action, instead of its five budget subcommittees (Disability Capitol Action Day)
- May 27th - It will hold what will likely be its final hearing to close out the Senate budget subcommittee phase of the budget process on Thursday (May 27) focusing on education issues.

Assembly Budget Subcommittees Will Meet This Week To Take Final Action

In the Assembly, its five budget subcommittees held hearings last week and took several final actions and will be holding their final hearings on Wednesday (May 26th) and

possibly Thursday to take any remaining final actions. A copy of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Agenda (24 pages) pdf file is attached to this CDCAN Report and can also be viewed and downloaded from the CDCAN website at www.cdcan.us

Action on Proposed Closure of Lanterman Developmental Center Likely This Week

Action on the proposed closure of Lanterman Developmental Center – which was previously heard by both houses in late April and early May, will likely be taken at this hearing on May 26th by the full Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and also by the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services also on May 26th.

Actions by Both Houses Not Final

Actions by both the Senate and Assembly budget subcommittees – or full budget committees are not final however. Actions by both subcommittees or budget committees at this stage – especially if both agree, however does send a strong signal about the position of the Legislature on a particular proposal by the Governor.

The process heads to the next phase – the budget conference committee (a joint committee of 6 members, 3 from each house) to work out any different actions that either house took. That phase lasts through most of June – and then the budget process goes to the Assembly and Senate floor, where it will likely remain until a budget agreement is reached with the Governor and the legislative leaders. A long budget stand-off, given the enormity of the budget deficit, is seen as certain, to probably last through the summer.

MAY 25TH SUMMARY OF SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

Copy of this 24 page agenda is attached to this CDCAN Report and can be downloaded also from the CDCAN website at www.cdcan.us

HUMAN SERVICES AND CHILDCARE

1. Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (Budget Item 4200)

** Elimination of Drug Medi-Cal Services, with the Exceptions of Perinatal and Minor Consent Programs*

** Elimination of Funding for Offender Treatment Program*

2. Department of Social Services (Budget Item 5180)

** Elimination of CalWORKs*

** CalWORKs Grant Reduction*

** Elimination of CalWORKs Recent Noncitizen Entrants Program (RNE)*

3. Department of Social Services (Budget Item 5180) and California Department of Education (Budget item 6110) – Child Care Issues only

** Eliminate General Fund for Child Care Programs and Shift CalWORKs Child Care to the Alternative Payment Program (Issue 326)*

** Regional Market Rate (RMR) Reduction*

** Reduce Income Eligibility (Issue 323)*

** CalWORKs Stage 3 Reduction (Issue 323)*

** Adjust CalWORKs Child Care Caseload Funding (Issue 325)*

** Negative COLA [“cost of living adjustment”]*

- * *Proposed Plan to Recover Improper Payments from Child Care Programs (Issue 329)*
 - 4. *Department of Social Services – continued (Budget Item 5180)*
 - * *In-Home Supportive Services “Cost Containment”*
 - * *SSI/SSP Grant Reduction*
 - * *Elimination of CA Food Assistance Program and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants*
 - * *Redirection of County Savings*
 - * *Shift of County Mental Health Realignment Funds to Child Welfare Services and to Food Stamp Admin*
 - 5. *Department of Mental Health (Budget Item 4440)*
 - * *Special Education Mental Health Services (AB 3632)*
- RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION BUDGET ISSUES**
1. *Department of Parks and Recreation (Budget Item 3790)*
 - * *Funding State Parks*
 2. *Department of Transportation (Budget Item 2660)*
 - * *Defer Transportation Loan Repayment*
 - * *New Transportation Loan from net new “Fuel Swap” revenue*
- 2740 *Department of Motor Vehicles (Budget Item 2740)*
- * *Motor Vehicle Account Loan to General Fund*

FINAL SUBCOMMITTEE AND FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS THIS WEEK

Please note: hearing dates and times are always subject to change. For persons unable to attend the hearing today, phone numbers and addresses of both Senate and Assembly subcommittee health and human services members are listed below in this report for persons to send or call in their comments. Given the volume of emails, comments or inquiries by email generally are not useful unless a person knows the staff person or the legislator.

TODAY - MAY 24, 2010 – MONDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*****Hearing cancelled*****

SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TIME: 01:30 PM or immediately after Senate Appropriations Committee hearing ends [that committee is scheduled to meet at 11:00 AM]

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD

Governor’s May Revised Budget proposals and “open” issues:

- * Secretary for California Health and Human Services Agency (Budget Item 0530)
- * Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (Budget item 4140)
- * Department of Aging (Budget Item 4170)
- * Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (Budget Item 4200)
- * Department of Child Support Services (Budget Item 5175)
- * Department of Social Services (Budget Item 5180)

* Other departments as necessary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard

PRIORITY: **HIGH**

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if you are able to

CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. This will be the last hearing for the year for this budget subcommittee. – the full Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will meet May 25th and May 26th to take final action on any remaining “open” issues that the Senate budget subcommittees did not yet take.*

MAY 25, 2010 – TUESDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*****Hearing cancelled*****

SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

TIME: 09:30 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD

Governor’s May Revised Budget proposals and “open” issues:

Human Services (including Mental Health) and Child Care Budget Items:

- * Alcohol and Drug Programs (Budget Item 4200)
- * Department of Social Services (Budget Item 5180)
- * Department of Education – Child Care Issues only (Budget Item 6110)
- * Other Department of Social Services Issues including SSI/SSP, IHSS (Budget Item 5180)
- * Department of Mental Health (Budget Item 4440)

Resources Budget Items

- * Department of Parks and Recreation (Budget Item 3790)

Transportation Budget Items

- * Department of Transportation (Budget Item 2660)\
- * Department of Motor Vehicles (Budget Item 2740)

General Government Budget Items and Other Departments As Necessary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard (it is always up to the committee chair)

AGENDA AVAILABLE; Yes – attached to this report and also on the CDCAN website at www.cdcan.us

PRIORITY: **VERY HIGH**

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. All the Senate Budget subcommittee hearing dates scheduled on this date and Wednesday have been cancelled with the full Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee meeting and taking action instead.*

MAY 26, 2010 – WEDNESDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TIME: 09:00 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4202

WHAT WILL BE HEARD:

Governor's May Revised Budget Proposals and "Open" Issues

- Human services budget items
- Health budget items including developmental services budget items

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items "for vote only" or items previously heard

PRIORITY: HIGH

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: "Open" issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. Full Senate budget committee is scheduled to hold its final hearing during this phase of the budget process on this same day and beginning just 30 minutes later.

SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

TIME: 09:30 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD

Governor's May Revised Budget proposals and "open" issues:

Health Budget Items

- * Department of Health Care Services - Medi-Cal (Budget Item 4260)
- * Department of Public Health (Budget Item 4265)
- * Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (Budget Item 4280)
- * Department of Mental Health (Budget Item 4440)

Judicial, Corrections and Public Safety Budget Items

- * Judicial Branch (Budget Item 0250)
- * California Emergency Management Agency (Budget Item 0690)
- * Department of Justice (Budget Item 0820)
- * Dept of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Budget Item 2100)
- * Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Budget Item 5225)

Other Departments As Necessary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items "for vote only" or items previously heard – it is always up to the committee chair

AGENDA AVAILABLE: Not yet

PRIORITY: **VERY HIGH**

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: "Open" issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on.

MAY 27, 2010 – THURSDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TIME: 09:00 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4202

WHAT WILL BE HEARD: Any remaining “Open” Issues

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard

PRIORITY: HIGH

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. This Assembly budget subcommittee hearing is scheduled but may not be held if all “open” issues were taken up and acted on the previous day.*

SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

TIME: 09:30 AM or upon adjournment of the State Senate floor session

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD:

K–12 EDUCATION

* California Department of Education (Budget item 6110)

HIGHER EDUCATION

* University of California (Budget Item 6440)

* California State University (Budget Item 6610)

* California Community Colleges (Budget Item 6870)

* Student Aid Commission (Budget Item 7980)

REVENUES

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS NECESSARY

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard – it is always up to the committee chair

AGENDA AVAILABLE: Not yet

PRIORITY: **VERY HIGH**

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. This is likely the final hearing of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee to close out the Senate budget subcommittee phase of the budget process.*

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Though there are five budget subcommittees in the State Senate and in the Assembly (except for one instance, they are all numbered differently) this report lists on those dealing health and human services because the major cuts proposed by the Governor,

especially in his budget revisions released May 14th, center on those budget areas impacting people with disabilities, mental health needs, seniors and families.

CDCAN Note: while contacting subcommittee members and other legislative leaders can be important – it is even more important to keep consistent contact with your own legislative representatives. CDCAN is conducting “Accountability With Action” trainings on this June 14th in Sacramento and other locations. For more information go to website or send email to: martyomoto@rcip.com

SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #3 ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

This subcommittee has 3 members – 2 Democrats and 1 Republican. There are no official alternate members

SENATE DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS:

- Subcommittee Chair – Mark Leno (Democrat – San Francisco, 3rd State Senate District) Capitol Office Phone: 916-651-4003 Capitol Office Fax: 916-445-4722
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SENATE REPUBLICAN MEMBER

- Roy Ashburn (Republican – Bakersfield, 18th State Senate District) Capitol Office Phone: 916-651-4018 Capitol Office Fax: 916-322-3304

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Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Office

State Capitol – Room 5019

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ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

This subcommittee has a total of 6 members (4 Democrats and 2 Republicans) with 2 alternate members in the event a subcommittee member cannot attend and a vote is needed. Assemblymember Wes Chesbro has chaired most the hearings during the past two months of this subcommittee in the absence of the subcommittee chair, Assemblymember Dave Jones.

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