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Subject: Budget Act 2020

Summary: This bill is a Budget Bill Jr. associated with the Budget Act of 2020.

Proposed Law: This bill includes various budget bill amendments, including:

- 1) **California State Preschool Program.** Includes an increase of \$5.3 million (\$3.4 million in Proposition 98 General Fund and \$1.9 million in non-Proposition 98 General Fund) to extend family fee waivers for the California State Preschool Program through June 30, 2021. Similar actions are proposed for other child care programs in separate proposed trailer bill legislation.
- 2) **Higher Education and CalFresh.** The budget provides the University of California \$650,000 General Fund one-time, California State University \$1.3 million General Fund one-time, California Community College's \$3.1 million Proposition 98 General Fund one-time, and Chico State's Center for Healthy Communities \$1.3 million General Fund one-time to support campus outreach efforts to increase student applications in the CalFresh program. Funds may be used to create outreach materials, host events, support equipment needs, and application assistance, including hiring staff and student workers.
- 3) **California Community Colleges Emergency Student Aid.** The budget provides \$100 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to provide CCC students with emergency financial aid to low-income students. In order to qualify for the emergency aid, students must be enrolled at least half-time, demonstrate financial need, and have at least a 2.0 grade point average.
- 4) **California Community Colleges Recruitment and Retention.** The budget provides \$20 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to support efforts to increase student retention rates and enrollment by engaging with former and current CCC students who have withdrawn or considering withdrawing from college due to COVID-19. This funding may also be used to recruit students to enroll in CCC. The Chancellor's Office may use up to 10 percent for statewide recruitment and retention efforts.
- 5) **Asian American Studies Center.** \$1.4 million for the Asian American Studies Center at the University of California Los Angeles campus. This funding shall support the Stop Asian American Pacific Islander Hate website; the COVID-19 Multilingual Resources website; analysis and research associated with hate

incidents experienced by Asian Pacific Islander communities; and policy research projects on COVID-19-related challenges directly impacting Asian Pacific Islander communities.

- 6) **Golden State Stimulus Administration.** The budget includes \$163,000 for administration costs and \$500,000 for automation costs at the Department of Social Services related to the Golden State Stimulus Grants.
- 7) **Golden State Stimulus Grants.** The budget includes \$243.2 million for grant payments to CalWORKs families, and \$750 million for grant payments to SSI/SSP and California Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) beneficiaries.
- 8) **CalWORKs Eligibility.** The budget includes \$242.3 million to disregard pandemic unemployment compensation from being considered as income for CalWORKs eligibility.
- 9) **Higher Education and CalFresh.** The budget includes a total of \$28.8 million for county administration costs to help enroll newly eligible college students into the CalFresh program due to federal changes.
- 10) **Food and Diaper Banks.** The budget includes \$30 million for emergency food assistance at food banks and \$5 million for diaper banks.
- 11) **Housing for the Harvest.** The budget includes \$24 million to support the Housing for the Harvest program to help farmworkers quarantine after exposure to COVID-19.
- 12) **Fee Waivers for Licensees of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.** Appropriates \$90 million General Fund to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Fund to backfill revenues as a result of fee waivers for licensees.
- 13) **Clean-up to authorize the transfer of funds under the Secretary of State.** Authorizes the use of existing funds to cover the costs of voter education and outreach costs obligated to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus during the November 3, 2020 election cycle.
- 14) **Control Section 11.95.** Amends Budget Control Section 11.95 to give the Department of Finance (DOF) the authority to allocate or adjust spending authority for funding the state receives from the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act for testing, contact tracing, food assistance, and vaccine distribution. It requires DOF to provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee with a 10-day notification prior to making any allocation or adjustment.

Fiscal Effect: The appropriations provided for in this bill have a net impact of approximately \$1.4 billion General Fund and \$123 million Proposition 98 General Fund.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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