

(Without Reference to File)

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 92 (Skinner)

As Amended February 17, 2021

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately.

SUMMARY:

Implements statutory provisions related to the budget to allow the State to align state programs requirements to align with COVID-19 federal relief provisions.

Major Provisions

- 1) Clarifies that the state's participation in Federal-State Unemployment Insurance Extended Benefits authorized in AB 103 (Budget Committee), Chapter 22, Statutes of 2020, applies to federal Continued Assistance Act, which continued funding this program until March 14, 2021;
- 2) Makes technical and clarifying changes to eviction prevention provision contained in SB 91 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee), Chapter 2, Statutes of 2021, including changes that:
 - a) Clarifies that local rent repayment plans can have repayment schedules through August 31, 2022.
 - b) Clarifies the instances where the courts may reduce damages awarded for COVID-19 rental debt.
 - c) Clarifies that most actions to collect COVID-19 rental debt are stayed until August 1, 2021 unless otherwise provided.
 - d) Removes erroneous cross references;
- 3) Aligns the exemption of federal pandemic unemployment compensation from eligibility and grant determination for the CalWORKs program with an existing federal exemption from the CalFresh program;
- 4) Appropriates \$5 million for Earned Income Tax Credit outreach activities associated.

COMMENTS:

This bill implements statutory provisions necessary to implement the 2021 Early Action budget package. Specifically, this bill makes changes to existing state law to align with permissible uses of federal funding provided to states due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the Author:

This bill is necessary to allow California to assist individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Arguments in Support:

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition:

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS:

This bill contains a \$5 million appropriation, in addition SB 85 and AB 85, the early action amendment to the budget bill, contain \$242.3 million of funding for the Department of Social Services to reflect costs associated with conforming CalWORKs rules to federal guidelines for the treatment of pandemic unemployment relief income.

VOTES:

SENATE FLOOR: 22-2-15

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Becker, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dodd, Durazo, Eggman, Hertzberg, Laird, Leyva, McGuire, Newman, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener

NO: Nielsen, Wilk

ABS, ABST OR NV: Bates, Borgeas, Dahle, Glazer, Gonzalez, Grove, Hueso, Hurtado, Jones, Limón, Melendez, Min, Ochoa Bogh, Skinner, Stern

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