State Budget Update

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Overview of Governor's January Budget



Major Components of Governor's Budget Package

- Estimates budget problem at \$9.2 billion.
- Proposes net \$10.1 billion in solutions.
- Assumes voters approve November 2012 tax measure.

Proposes \$5.4 billion in trigger reductions if measure fails.



Budget-Balancing Actions

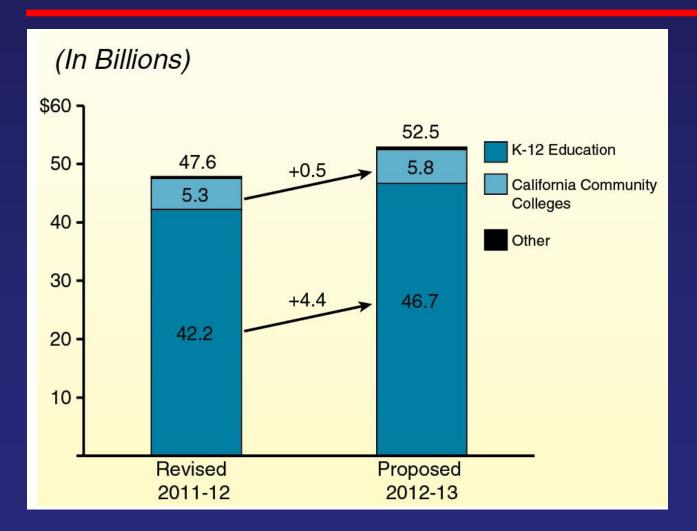
- \$7.2 billion in new revenues.
- \$4.0 billion in expenditures cuts.
- \$1.4 billion in other savings.
- \$2.5 billion offsetting increase in Proposition 98 guarantee.



Proposition 98: Governor's Basic Budget Plan



Proposition 98 Funding



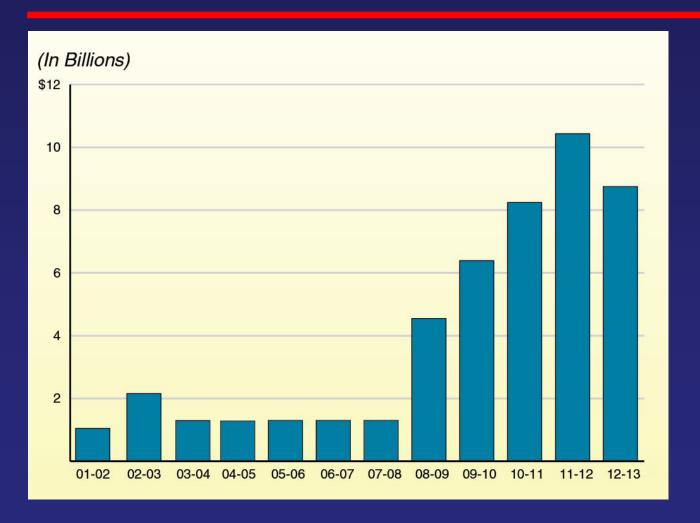


Five Major Proposals

- Backfill one-time actions (\$3.0 billion).
- Pay down deferrals (\$1.8 billion).
- Create mandate block grant (\$200 million).
- Hold harmless: weighted student formula (\$90 million).
- Do not initiate Transitional Kindergarten program (\$224 million savings).

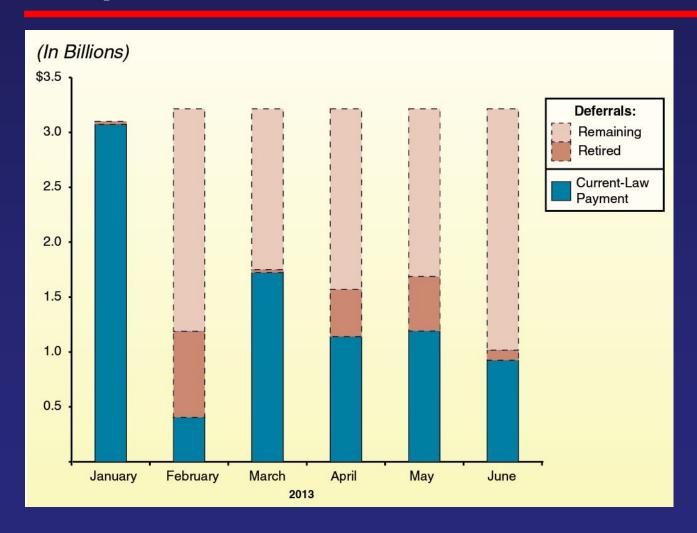


Deferrals Over Time





Proposes to Retire \$1.8 Billion in Deferrals





Education Mandates Block Grant

- Eliminates about half of K-12 mandates.
- Provides \$178 million in block grant funding for remaining activities.
- Sets district funding rate at \$30 per pupil.
- Allows LEAs to select between block grant and existing reimbursement process.



Weighted Student Formula

- Removes strings associated with 7 currently standalone programs.
- Creates weighted student formula.
- Phases in formula over 6 years.
- Directs SBE to develop new accountability system.



Basic Plan Linked With Tax Measure

- Governor estimates his tax measure would raise \$6.9 billion initially:
 - \$2.2 billion accrued to 2011-12.
 - \$4.7 billion attributed to 2012-13.
- Impact on Proposition 98:
 - About \$900 million increase in 2011-12.
 - About \$2.4 billion increase in 2012-13.



LAO Recommendations

- If new revenues materialize, use for paying down deferrals in 2012-13.
- Create mandate block grant.
- Adopt either weighted student formula or a few large block grants.
- Do not initiate TK program.



Proposition 98: Governor's Back-Up Budget Plan



Proposed "Trigger" Reductions

2012-13 General Fund Benefit (In Millions)

Proposition 98 funding for schools and community colleges	\$4,837
University of California	200
California State University	200
Judicial branch	125
CalFire	15
Department of Water Resources flood control programs	7
Department of Fish and Game	4
Department of Parks and Recreation	2
Department of Justice law enforcement programs	1
Total	\$5,390



Back-Up Plan: Major Components

(In Millions)	
Changes in Minimum Guarantee	
Revenue drop due to measure failing	-\$2,444
Rebench for debt service payments	200
Total Changes	-\$2,244
Changes in Spending	
Accommodate K-12 debt service payments	\$2,331
Accommodate CCC debt service payments	262
Rescind K-12 deferral pay downs	-1,571
Rescind CCC deferral pay downs	-218
Reduce K-12 general purpose funding	-2,755
Reduce CCC general purpose funding	-292
Total Changes	-\$2,244



Two Concerns With Back-Up Plan

 Serious policy concerns with debt service proposal.

Treatment of realignment revenues risky.



Two Approaches to Building Back-Up Plan

- Assume midyear cuts if measure fails.
- Assume midyear augmentations if measure passes.

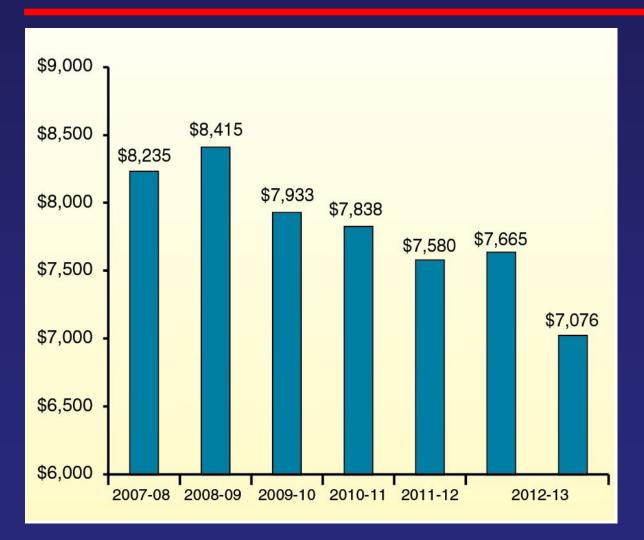


LAO Recommendations

- Reconsider debt service proposal.
- Provide more flex options, effective July 1:
 - Remove additional categorical and mandate requirements.
 - Allow for shorter school year.
 - Eliminate or suspend penalties for exceeding statutory class size caps.
 - Authorize special post-election layoff window.



Programmatic Per-Pupil Funding





Proposition 98: Governor's Multiyear Payment Plan



Governor's Multiyear Payment Plan

(In Millions)							
	Proposed Payments Under Governor's Plan:						
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total Payments Over Period		
Payments to Be Made Within Annual Proposition 98 Appropriation:							
K-14 deferrals	\$1,789	\$2,469	\$4,998	\$1174	\$10,430		
K-14 mandates	_	318	318	2,940	3,576		
Totals	\$1,789	\$2,787	\$5,316	\$4,114	\$14,006		
Payments to Be Made <i>on Top of</i> Annual Proposition 98 Appropriation:							
Proposition 98 "settle-up"	_	\$857	\$856	\$856	\$2,569		
Quality Education Investment Act	\$450	450	181	_	1,081		
Emergency Repair Program	12	150	150	150	462		
Totals	\$462	\$1,457	\$1,187	\$1,006	\$4,112		



Use Governor's Plan As Starting Point

- To increase likelihood plan is consistently implemented:
 - Extend payment period.
 - Spread payments more evenly over period.
 - Designate settle-up funds for mandates or deferrals.
 - Redirect QEIA program savings to other obligations.



Other Major Issues

- Preschool funding
- Child care reductions

Ballot measures

