



ASSEMBLY BUDGET BLUEPRINT

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2021 Was a Landmark Budget Year

- Budgeted record \$196 billion from California's General Fund
- Programmed \$47 billion state surplus and billions of new federal funding
- Continued response to COVID-19, including reopening schools



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- Invested in array of programs to help Californians now and in the future
 - Housing and homelessness
 - Major health care investments (access, public health, behavioral health)
 - Climate change and wildfire prevention



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 - Transitional kindergarten
 - Higher education enrollment and access
 - Broadband expansion
 - Workforce development for sustainable industries and apprenticeships program expansion



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2021 COVID-19 Response

- Over \$12 billion in direct public health response
- \$12 billion total for Golden State Stimulus program
- \$6.6 billion for school reopening and early learning recovery
- \$3.5 billion in aid for small businesses and nonprofits
- \$1.5 billion in federally-funded rental relief



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2021 Increases in Existing State Programs

- \$22.5 billion more for schools (Proposition 98) - largest increase in history (31.8%)
- \$12 billion in homelessness funding over two years, including \$2 billion for local governments and \$2.75 billion to acquire and rehabilitate units (Project Homekey)
- Higher rates for developmentally disabled individuals caregivers



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2021 Increases in Existing State Programs

- Cal Grant program expansion to 100,000 Community College students
- Expansion of Medi-Cal to age 50+, regardless of immigration status



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New Initiatives Established in 2021 Budget

- Universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
- \$15 billion for climate resilience and addressing wildfire and drought
- \$6 billion for Broadband access
- Child and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative, \$4.4 billion over five years



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Looking Ahead to 2022

- State must ensure bold 2021 investments are accomplished
 - This will help more Californians reap the benefits of a rebounding economy
- LAO revenue estimates
 - \$31.2 billion total surplus
 - \$3 to \$8 billion increase in baseline budget possible
- Assembly Plan will address Gann Limit



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2022 Assembly Budget Priorities

- Delivering Prosperity with 2021 programs
- Strengthening the Future with new targeted investments



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- Ensure increased school funding aids students facing learning loss and mental health issues
- Make sure homelessness and affordable housing funds result in more permanent and temporary housing solutions
- Oversee EDD improvement and strike team plan to ensure that Californians can access their unemployment dollars
- Monitor rent relief funds so vulnerable tenants aren't evicted



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- Ensure funds go out promptly to prevent wildfires and address the climate crisis
- Improve public health infrastructure to protect Californians from COVID-19 and future pandemics
- Establish accountability measures for CalAIM and the Children and Youth Behavioral Initiatives
- Oversee implementation of universal TK
- Address disparities and needs in our child welfare and foster care system



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- Ensure drought response and water resilience funding goes to the most vulnerable communities while promoting the long-term drought resilience
- Provide broadband access to inaccessible urban and rural communities
- Scrutinize prison operations, including ongoing COVID mitigation efforts, and restore independent oversight in the Office of the Inspector General



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- Promote the creation of living wage jobs from state investments
- Make certain Department of Toxic Substances Control has the funding and strategy to clean toxic sites
- Provide the public better information on where state dollars have been invested



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Strengthening the Future

- Build for California's future with major infrastructure investments
 - \$10 billion for school facilities and additional investments for university and community college facilities
 - \$10 billion for transportation projects statewide, including transit infrastructure



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- Build for California's future with major infrastructure investments
 - Invest more in affordable housing and homelessness prevention, including efforts to preserve existing affordable housing stock
 - Modernize courthouses to promote greater access for Californians
 - Leverage new federal infrastructure funds



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- Expand prosperity to more Californians and look ahead to future needs
 - Create ongoing funding stream for supportive housing of indigent adults
 - Bolster multi-year enrollment growth at UC and CSU
 - Attract new workers to health care, education, and child care occupations



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- Expand prosperity to more Californians and look ahead to future needs
 - Increase access to health and human services programs like Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and CalWORKs through program simplification and expanded eligibility
 - Devote more resources to violence and suicide prevention
 - Focus on creating second chances for formerly-incarcerated Californians



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